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Application: I-924, Application For Regional Center Under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program  
Applicant: Daniel R. Robinson

Re: REQUEST TO AMEND REGIONAL CENTER DESIGNATION  
Atlantic Regional Center for Foreign Investment, LLC  
RCW1117950237/ RC ID1031910189

**I. Executive Summary of Adjudication**

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") approves the Form I-924 Application request filed by Atlantic Regional Center for Foreign Investment, LLC to amend the previously approved regional center designation for the following changes:

A. On 02/07/13, USCIS approves the additional Industry Categories listed below.

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| 1. Accommodation                     | NAICS 721   |
| 2. Food Services and Drinking Places | NAICS 722   |
| 3. Marinas                           | NAICS 71393 |

B. On 02/07/13, USCIS approves an additional structure under which the Regional Center will operate: Limited Liability Limited Partnership in which the Regional Center does not have an equity position in the new commercial enterprise.

**II. Procedural History of Atlantic Regional Center for Foreign Investment, LLC**

Pursuant to Section 610 of the Appropriations Act of 1993, as amended, on July 28, 2010, Atlantic Regional Center for Foreign Investment, LLC was designated as a regional center to participate in the Immigrant Investor Program. The regional center is approved with the geographic scope that includes the states of North and South Carolina.

Note: If any investment opportunities arise that are outside the approved geographic area, then an amendment would be required to add that area.

The regional center is authorized to focus investment activities in the industry categories listed below:

Industry Category	NAICS	Approval Date
Warehouse and Transportation	48-49	July 28, 2010
Mixed Use Development	23	July 28, 2010
Life Sciences	541	July 28, 2010
Light Manufacturing	33-35	July 28, 2010

Note: If any investment opportunities arise that are beyond the scope of the approved industry categories, then an amendment would be required to add that category.

### III. Approved Changes under the Current Request to Amend Regional Center Designation

On June 23, 2011, Applicant submitted a Form I-924 Application For Regional Center Under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program seeking to amend the approval and designation by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of Atlantic Regional Center for Foreign Investment, LLC as follows:

Additional Industry Categories: Atlantic Regional Center for Foreign Investment, LLC has requested and submitted a business plan and supporting economic analysis that it will engage in the following added industry categories: Accommodations NAICS 721; Food Services and Drinking Places NAICS 722; and Marinas NAICS 71393.

An additional structure under which Atlantic Regional Center for Foreign Investment, LLC will operate: Limited Liability Limited Partnership in which Atlantic Regional Center for Foreign Investment, LLC does not have an equity position in the new commercial enterprise.

USCIS, hereby, approves the Atlantic Regional Center for Foreign Investment, LLC's amendment to incorporate the above requested changes. Any changes to the supporting evidence for this application found in subsequent Form I-526 or Form I-829 Petitions will be reviewed by USCIS to ensure compliance with EB-5 program requirements.

### IV. Designee's Responsibilities in the Operations of the Regional Center

As provided in 8 CFR 204.6(m)(6), to ensure that the regional center continues to meet the requirements of section 610(a) of the Appropriations Act, a regional center must provide USCIS with updated information to demonstrate the regional center is continuing to promote economic growth, improved regional productivity, job creation, and increased domestic capital investment in the approved geographic area. Such information must be submitted to USCIS on an annual basis, on a cumulative basis, and/or as otherwise requested by USCIS. Atlantic Regional Center for Foreign Investment, LLC must monitor all investment activities under the sponsorship of the Regional Center and to maintain records in order to provide the information required on the Form I-924A Supplement to Form I-924. Form I-924A, Supplement to Form I-924 Application is available in the "Forms" section on the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

Effective November 23, 2010, the failure to timely file a Form I-924A Supplement for each fiscal year in which the regional center has been designated for participation in the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program will result in the issuance of an intent to terminate the participation of the regional center in the Pilot Program, which may ultimately result in the termination of the designation of the regional center.

Note: Regional centers that remain designated for participation in the pilot program as of September 30<sup>th</sup> of a calendar year are required to file Form I-924A Supplement in that year. The I-924A Supplement with the required supporting documentation must be filed on or before December 29<sup>th</sup> of the same calendar year.

The Regional Center designation is non-transferable, as any changes in management of the Regional center will require the approval of an amendment to the approved Regional Center designation.

If the applicant has any questions concerning the Regional Center designation under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program, please contact the USCIS by Email at [USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@dhs.gov](mailto:USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@dhs.gov).

Sincerely,



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Cc: H Ronald Klasko, Esq.  
Enclosure: EB-5 Information Sheet



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July 28, 2010

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\*\*\*CORRECTED COPY\*\*\*

Application: Request for Designation as a Regional Center  
Applicant(s): Daniel Robinson and Bradley Wiese

Re: Atlantic Regional Center for Foreign Investment  
File no. W09001280

Pursuant to Section 610 of the Appropriations Act of 1993, on January 8, 2010, Daniel Robinson and Bradley Wiese submitted a proposal seeking approval and designation by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the California Green Regional Center.

Based on its review and analysis of your proposal, and of your responses to the USCIS Requests For Evidence, USCIS hereby designates Atlantic Regional Center for Foreign Investment as a Regional Center within the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program and approves the request as described below:

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA:**

The Atlantic Regional Center for Foreign Investment shall have a geographic scope which that consists of all of North and South Carolina.

**FOCUS OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITY:**

As depicted in the economic model, the general proposal and the economic analysis, the Regional Center will engage in the following economic activities: Mixed Use Development, Life Sciences, Light Manufacturing and Transportation/Warehousing. The Regional Center for EB-5 Immigrant purposes shall focus investments into new commercial enterprises in the following target industry economic clusters:

1. NAICS 48-49 Warehousing and Transportation.
2. NAICS 230 Mixed Use Development.
3. NAICS 541 Life Sciences.
4. NAICS 33-35 Light Manufacturing.

If any investment opportunities arise that are beyond the scope of the approved industry clusters, then an amendment would be required to add that cluster.

Aliens seeking immigrant visas through the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program may file individual petitions with USCIS for these commercial enterprises located within the approved Regional Center area. For any alien requesting the reduced threshold of \$500,000 based upon an investment in a Targeted Employment area, the alien must establish at the time of filing of the I-526 petition that either the investment will be made in a TEA designated area or was in a TEA designated area at the time of the alien's initial investment into the enterprise.

### **EMPLOYMENT CREATION**

Immigrant investors who file petitions for commercial enterprises located in the Regional Center area must fulfill all of the requirements set forth in 8 CFR 204.6, except that the petition need not show that the new commercial enterprises created ten new jobs indirectly as a result of the immigrant investor's investment. This determination has been established by way of USCIS' acceptance of the final economic analysis that is contained as part of the approved Regional Center proposal and its indirect job creation model and multipliers contained within the final approved Regional Center application package. Rather, the investor must show at the time of removal of conditions that they performed the activities described in the model and on which the approved methodology is based. In this case, the REDYN methodology was used.

#### **Multiplier based on underlying new "direct jobs"**

In addition, where job creation or preservation of existing jobs is claimed based on a multiplier rooted in underlying new "direct jobs", the immigrant investor's individual I-526 petition affiliated with your Regional Center, should include as supporting evidence:

- A comprehensive detailed business plan with supporting financial, marketing and related data and analysis providing a reasonable basis for projecting creation of any new direct jobs for "qualifying employees" to be achieved/realized within two years pursuant to 8 CFR 204.6(j)(4)(B).

An alien investor's I-829 petition to remove the conditions which was based on an I-526 petition approval that involved the creation of new direct jobs or the creation of new indirect jobs based on a multiplier tied to underlying new direct jobs needs to be properly supported by evidence of job creation. To support the full number of direct and indirect new jobs being claimed in connection with removal of conditions, the petition will need to be supported by probative evidence of the number of new direct full time (35 hours per week) jobs for qualified employees whose positions have been created as a result of the alien's investment. Such evidence may include copies of quarterly state employment tax reports, Forms W-2, Forms I-9, and any other pertinent employment records sufficient to demonstrate the number of qualified employees whose jobs were created directly.

#### **Additional Guidelines for individual Immigrant Investors Visa Petition (I-526)**

Each individual petition, in order to demonstrate that it is associated with the Regional Center, in conjunction with addressing all the requirements for an individual immigrant investor petition, shall also contain as supporting evidence relating to this Regional Center designation, the following:

1. A copy of this letter, the Regional Center approval and designation.
2. A copy of the USCIS approved Regional Center narrative proposal and business plan.

3. A copy of the job creation methodology required in 8 CFR 204.6(j)(4)(iii), as contained in the final Regional Center economic analysis which has been approved by USCIS, which reflects that investment by an individual immigrant investor will create not fewer than ten (10) full-time employment positions, either directly or indirectly, per immigrant investor.
4. A legally executed copy of the USCIS approved:
  - a. Private Placement Memorandum; (Sample submitted 1/8/10)
  - b. Subscription Agreement; (Sample submitted 1/8/10)
  - c. Limited Partnership Agreement; (Sample submitted 1/8/10)
  - d. Escrow Instructions; (Sample submitted 1/8/10)
  - e. Operating Agreement for LLP and (Sample submitted 1/8/10)
  - f. Operating Agreement for ARCFI. (Dated 11/19/09)

**DESIGNEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES INHERENT IN CONDUCT OF THE REGIONAL CENTER:**

The law, as reflected in the regulations at 8 CFR 204.6(m)(6), requires that an approved Regional Center in order to maintain the validity of its approval and designation must continue to meet the statutory requirements of the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program by serving the purpose of promoting economic growth, including increased export sales (where applicable), improved regional productivity, job creation, and increased domestic capital investment. Therefore, in order for USCIS to determine whether your Regional Center is in compliance with the above cited regulation, and in order to continue to operate as a USCIS approved and designated Regional Center, your administration, oversight, and management of your Regional Center shall be such as to monitor all investment activities under the sponsorship of your Regional Center and to maintain records, data and information on a quarterly basis in order to report to USCIS upon request the following year to date information for each Federal Fiscal Year<sup>1</sup>, commencing with the initial year as follows:

1. Provide the principal authorized official and point of contact of the Regional Center responsible for the normal operation, management and administration of the Regional Center.
2. Be prepared to explain how you are administering the Regional Center and how you will be actively engaged in supporting a due diligence screening of its alien investors' lawful source of capital and the alien investor's ability to fully invest the requisite amount of capital.
3. Be prepared to explain the following:
  - a. How the Regional Center is actively engaged in the evaluation, oversight and follow up on any proposed commercial activities that will be utilized by alien investors.
  - b. How the Regional Center is actively engaged in the ongoing monitoring, evaluation, oversight and follow up on any investor commercial activity affiliated through the Regional Center that will be utilized by alien investors in order to create direct and/or indirect jobs through qualifying EB-5 capital investments into commercial enterprises within the Regional Center.
4. Be prepared to provide:
  - a. the name, date of birth, petition receipt number, and alien registration number (if one has been assigned by USCIS) of each principal alien investor who has made an investment and has filed an EB-5/I-526 Petition with USCIS, specifying whether:

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<sup>1</sup> A Federal Fiscal Year runs for twelve consecutive months from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- i. the petition was filed,
    - ii. was approved,
    - iii. denied, or
    - iv. withdrawn by the petitioner, together with the date(s) of such event.
  - b. The total number of visas represented in each case for the principal alien investor identified in 4.a. above, plus his/her dependents (spouse and children) for whom immigrant status is sought or has been granted.
  - c. The country of nationality of each alien investor who has made an investment and filed an EB-5/I-526 petition with USCIS.
  - d. The U.S. city and state of residence (or intended residence) of each alien investor who has made an investment and filed an EB-5/I-526 petition with USCIS.
  - e. For each alien investor listed in item 4.a., above, identify the following:
    - i. the date(s) of investment in the commercial enterprise;
    - ii. the amount(s) of investment in the commercial enterprise; and
    - iii. the date(s), nature, and amount(s) of any payment/remuneration/profit/return on investment made to the alien investor by the commercial enterprise and/or Regional Center from when the investment was initiated to the present.
5. Be prepared to identify/list each of the target industry categories of business activity within the geographic boundaries of your Regional Center that have:
  - a. received alien investors' capital, and in what aggregate amounts;
  - b. received non-EB-5 domestic capital that has been combined and invested together, specifying the separate aggregate amounts of the domestic investment capital;
  - c. of the total investor capital (alien and domestic) identified above in 5.a and 5.b, identify and list the following:
    - i. The name and address of each "direct" job creating commercial enterprise.
    - ii. The industry category for each indirect job creating investment activity.
6. Be prepared to provide:
  - a. The total aggregate number of approved EB-5 alien investor I-526 petitions per each Federal Fiscal Year to date made through your Regional Center.
  - b. The total aggregate number of approved EB-5 alien investor I-829 petitions per each Federal Fiscal Year to date through your Regional Center.
7. The total aggregate sum of EB-5 alien capital invested through your Regional Center for each Federal Fiscal Year to date since your approval and designation.
8. The combined total aggregate of "new" direct and/or indirect jobs created by EB-5 investors through your Regional Center for each Federal Fiscal Year to date since your approval and designation.
9. If applicable, the total aggregate of "preserved" or saved jobs by EB-5 alien investors into troubled businesses through your Regional Center for each Federal Fiscal Year to date since your approval and designation.

10. If for any given Federal Fiscal Year your Regional Center did or does not have investors to report, then provide:
- a. a detailed written explanation for the inactivity,
  - b. a specific plan which specifies the budget, timelines, milestones and critical steps to:
    - i. actively promote your Regional Center program,
    - ii. identify and recruit legitimate and viable alien investors, and
    - iii. a strategy to invest into job creating enterprises and/or investment activities within the Regional Center.
11. Regarding your website, if any, please be prepared to provide a hard copy which represents fully what your Regional Center has posted on its website, as well as providing your web address. Additionally, please provide a packet containing all of your Regional Center's hard copy promotional materials such as brochures, flyers, press articles, advertisements, etc.
12. Finally, please be aware that it is incumbent on each USCIS approved and designated Regional Center, in order to remain in good standing, to notify the USCIS within 15 business days at [USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@dhs.gov](mailto:USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@dhs.gov) of any change of address or occurrence of any material change in:
- the name and contact information of the responsible official and/or Point of Contact (POC) for the RC
  - the management and administration of the RC,
  - the RC structure,
  - the RC mailing address, web site address, email address, phone and fax number,
  - the scope of the RC operations and focus,
  - the RC business plan,
  - any new, reduced or expanded delegation of authority , MOU, agreement, contract, etc. with another party to represent or act on behalf of the RC,
  - the economic focus of the RC, or
  - any material change relating to your Regional Center's basis for its most recent designation and/or reaffirmation by USCIS.

If you have any questions concerning the Regional Center approval and designation under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program, please contact the USCIS by Email at [USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@dhs.gov](mailto:USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@dhs.gov).

Sincerely,



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