

# Annual Reporting Information / Filing Tips: Form I-924A, Supplement to Form I-924

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## Section I: Form I-924A Basics

## Purpose of Form I-924A

- Demonstrates a regional center's continued eligibility as a designated regional center in the EB-5 Program
- Is a supplement to Form I-924, Application for Regional Center\* under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program.
- \* A regional center (RC) is any economic unit (public or private) which promotes economic growth (including increased export sales, improved regional productivity, job creation and increased domestic capital investment).

## Who Must File

An approved RC designated by the USCIS Immigrant Investor Program Office (or predecessor office).

The list of approved RCs is online.

Note: Pending RC applicants and terminated RCs are not required to submit a Form I-924A. RCs with a designation letter dated after September 30 of a particular calendar year are not required to file a Form I-924A that calendar year.

# When to File

## Annually

- Between October 1 and December 29 (within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year)
- Filing is required for the fiscal year the RC is approved and for every subsequent fiscal year

# **Upon Request**

• In addition to the annual filing described above, USCIS may request that the RC file the Form I-924A on other occasions Example: The RC informs the agency of a management change without filing an amendment. In this instance, USCIS may request that an I-924A is filed within 90 days

# Where to File

# **U.S. Postal Service**

USCIS

California Service Center

Attn: EB-5 Processing Unit P.O. Box 10526 Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-0526

## **Express mail and courier services**

USCIS California Service Center Attn: EB-5 Processing Unit 24000 Avila Road, 2nd Floor Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

# **Receipt Notice**

Once USCIS receives and initially reviews the Form I-924A, USCIS will:

- · Confirm receipt of the form
- · Issue an assigned number for the receipt

If you do not receive a receipt notice within 21 days, request a duplicate notice by emailing: USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@uscis.dhs.gov

If an attorney for the RC wishes to enter his or her appearance, that attorney must submit a Form G-28 with the Form I-924A

Note: USCIS will not accept electronic submission of the form (e.g., through email)

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# **Section II: Completing the Form**

# Filling Out the Form

Part 1: Information About the Principal of the RC

 Provide the principal's full name, address, date of birth, fax number, telephone number, website address and the RC'S assigned number

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Part 1. Information	About Principal of the F	Regional	Center	r		
Name: Last	]	First				Middle
In Care Of:						
Street Address/P.O. Box:						
City:		Sta	te:	-		Zip Code:
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	Fax Number (include area code):				Telephone N (include area	
Web site address:	·					
•	for the Designated Regional Cer ecently issued approval notice)	nter (attach	the			

## Part 2: Application Type

Choose the appropriate application type ("a" or "b").

- 1. Supplement for one fiscal year (enter the fiscal year for which report is being submitted)
- 2. Supplement for a series of fiscal years (enter the fiscal years for which report is being submitted)

Part 2. Application Type (Select one)		
a. Supplement for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, (YYYY)		
b. Supplement for a Series of Fiscal Years Beginning on October 1,	(YYYY) and Ending on September 30,	(YYYY)

- Provide the complete name of the RC, managing companies/agencies, RC principals, agents, and any other individuals or entities who are or will be involved in management, oversight, and/or administration of the RC.
- Provide the complete address, fax and telephone numbers, and Website information for each individual or entity.

		nanagement companies/agencies, regional center management, oversight, and administration of th	
A. Name of Regional Center:			
Street Address/P.O. Box:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Web site Address:	Fax Number (include area code):	Telephone (include area code):	
B. Name of Managing Company/Age	ncy:		
Street Address/P.O. Box:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Web site Address:	Fax Number (include area code):	Telephone (include area code):	
C. Name of Other Agent:	·	·	

Part 3: Information About the RC (Continued)

## Part 3. Information About the Regional Center (Continued)

Answer the following questions for the time period identified in Part 2 of this form. Note: If extra space is needed to complete any item, attach a continuation sheet, indicate the item number, and provide the response.

 Identify the aggregate EB-5 capital investment and job creation has been the focus of EB-5 capital investments sponsored through the regional center. (Note: Separately identify jobs maintained through investments in "troubled businesses.")

Aggregate EB-5 Capital Investment	Aggregate Direct and Indirect Job Creation	Aggregate Jobs Maintained

Identify each industry that has been the focus of EB-5 capital investments sponsored through the Regional Center, and the resulting
aggregate EB-5 capital investment and job creation. (Note: Separately identify jobs maintained through investments in "troubled
businesses".)

a. Industry Category Title:		NAICS Code for the Industry Category
Aggregate EB-5 Capital Investment:	Aggregate Direct and Indirect Job Creation:	Aggregate Jobs Maintained:
b. Industry Category Title:		NAICS Code for the Industry Category
Aggregate EB-5 Capital Investment:	Aggregate Direct and Indirect Job Creation:	Aggregate Jobs Maintained:
c. Industry Category Title:		NAICS Code for the Industry Category

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Example for Parts 2 and 3

**QUESTION**: If an RC selected application type a in Part 2, supplement for one fiscal year, and entered 2015, what data should be included in Part 3?

**ANSWER**: The data in Part 3 should be for the time identified in Part 2 (since the RC entered 2015 in Part 2a, the data reported in Part 3 should be for fiscal year 2015)

**QUESTION**: In Part 3 of the form, should aggregate EB-5 capital investment for each industry (Section 2) have the same data reported as in Section 1?

ANSWER: The total in Part 3, Section 2 should equal the total aggregate EB-5 capital investment in Part 3, Section 1 AILA InfoNet Doc. 15120313. (Posted 12/03/15)

Aggregate EB-5 Capital Investment Part 3, Section 2 (subsections a + b + c, etc.) = Total Aggregate EB-5 Capital Investment Part 3, Section 1

# **Required Signatures**

Part 4 Applicant Signature

- Provide signature The signer certifies that he or she has authority to act on behalf of the RC\*
- · Include e-mail address so we may contact the RC

Part 4. Applicant Signature Read the information on penalties in the instructions before completing this section. If someone helped you prepare this petition, he or she must compete Part 5.

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this supplemental form and the evidence submitted with it are all true and correct. I authorize the release of any information from my records that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services needs to determine eligibility for the benefit being sought. I also certify that I have authority to act on behalf of the Regional Center.

Signature of Applicant	Printed Name of Applicant	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	

\*By signing the form, the applicant certifies under penalty of perjury that the information submitted and attached evidence is correct

Part 5 Signature of Person Preparing This Form

- If someone other than applicant prepared or helped prepare form, that person must sign as the preparer
  - If the preparer is an attorney or accredited representative, he or she should sign as the preparer and submit a Form G-28

Part 5. Signature of Person Preparing This	Form, If Other Than Above (Sign Below)		
I declare that I prepared this form using information prov the answers and information are those provided by the Re		Regional C	enter, and
Attorney or Representative: In the event of a Request you by Fax or E-mail?	for Evidence (RFE), may the USCIS contact	☐ No	Yes
Signature of Preparer	Printed Name of Preparer	Date (m	m/dd/yyyy)

## **Continuation Sheets**

If extra space is needed, at the top of each continuation sheet, include:

- · the name of the RC, and
- the part of the form and item number for each answer

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# Section III: Filing Tips

Tip 1: Provide Accurate Information

Make sure that the information provided on the form is accurate

Tip 2: Double Check Numbers

Before submitting the form, the RC should check and double check its numbers

Tip 3: Jobs Created vs. Jobs Maintained

- Report the total number of direct and indirect (including induced) jobs that were created during the time identified in Part 2
- Only report "jobs maintained" for the relevant time period if there was investment in a "troubled business"
- If no investment in a troubled business, all the jobs should be entered as "direct and indirect job creation"

Tip 4: Provide Job Calculation Methods

Two common methods are:

- Economic impact modeling
  - Where job creation methodologies use inputs of expenditures, revenues, and/or direct jobs, the reported aggregate jobs created should be the result of those inputs during the I-924A reporting period
- Estimates based on number of approved I-829 petitions
  - Where job creation estimates are based on the approval of I-829 petitions, 10 jobs should be reported for every I-829 petition approved within the reporting period

Note: You may wish to include a sheet to explain how certain numbers were calculated

# **Economic Impact Modeling**

## Example

The project: The construction and operation of a skilled nursing facility

Economic methodology presented when the project was first submitted to USCIS:

Category	NAICS	Eligible Spending	Multiplier	Direct Jobs	Indirect Jobs	Total Jobs
Construction	23	\$10,000,000	17.3689	112	61	173
Architecture, Engineering and Related Services	5413	\$2,000,000	12.2761	14	10	24
Residential Care Facilities	623		1.2671	24	6	30
TOTAL						227

<sup>\*</sup> For the purpose of this example, construction is expected to last more than 24 months and **operational** jobs are calculated as a result of direct hires

## Year 1:

If in the reporting period, \$3 million was spent on hard construction and \$2 million was spent on architecture and engineering services, the jobs created during the reporting period would be as follows:

Category	NAICS	Eligible Spending	Multiplier	Direct Jobs	Indirect Jobs	Total Jobs
Construction	23	\$3,000,000	17.3689	34	18	52
Architecture, Engineering and Related Services	5413	\$2,000,000	12.2761	14	10	24
TOTAL						76

## Year 2:

If in the reporting period, the construction was completed and the remaining \$7 million was spent and the facilities became operational and four direct employees were hired, the jobs created during the reporting period would be as follows:

Category	NAICS	Eligible Spending	Multiplier	Direct Jobs	Indirect Jobs	Total Jobs
Construction	23	\$7,000,000	17.3689	78	43	121
Residential Care Facilities	623		1.2671	4	1	5
TOTAL						126

Note: The total construction expenditures in years one and two sum to the total anticipated expenditures. Therefore the total construction jobs credited for years one and two equal the total number of anticipated jobs.

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# Section IV: Notices of Intent to Terminate and Suggestions to Possibly Avoid Them

Reasons for a Notice of Intent to Terminate (NOIT):

- 1. Failure to submit required information to USCIS
- 2. Failure to promote economic growth

A NOIT signifies USCIS intentions to terminate the RC's participation in the program

# Examples

Failure to Submit Required Information InfoNet Doc. 15120313. (Posted 12/03/15)

- Not filing Form I-924A: If an RC fails to file the required Form I-924A, the RC will receive a NOIT
  - Deadline to file: on or before December 29 of the calendar year in which the fiscal year (October 1 through September 30)

Steps to submit the Form I-924A (after a NOIT is issued)

- Send the missing I-924A to the California Service Center per the Form I-924A instructions;
- Send the response to the NOIT to the Immigrant Investor Program Office in Washington, D.C.
- You may wish to include a copy of the Form I-924A and receipt notice, along with your NOIT response. This is optional.

Note: If you mail the Form I-924A annual filing to Washington, D.C., instead of the California Service Center, we will reject it

## **Failure to Promote Economic Growth**

- No EB-5 capital investment or job creation
- No approved or pending Forms I-526 or Forms I-829
- · No indicators of RC activity that may lead to the promotion of economic growth

# **Suggestions to Possibly Avoid NOITs**

# **Consistency in Documents**

- · Provide documents that are consistent.
  - o Provide consistency with information presented with the Form I-924A, the RC application, and/or petitioner documents
- Take time to explain any inconsistency.
  - Example: If the business plans have changed and the RC was planning to execute a project but dropped it, we encourage
    you to provide additional information to explain apparent inconsistencies

Note: There may be legitimate reasons for inconsistencies

## **Show Work**

- You may wish to include an extra sheet to explain calculations
  - Explain how certain numbers were calculated

□ Example: Consider providing the total eligible dollars (revenue/expenditures) or number of direct jobs and the multiplier used to calculate the jobs reported on the Form I-924A

#### **Supporting Documents**

- You may wish to describe the steps, if any, the RC has taken to promote economic growth and the timeframe for planned
  activities.
  - Examples of supporting documents: copies of licenses, permits, property purchased in support of a project or other evidence of ongoing RC activity.
    - The decision as to whether such evidence is sufficient to demonstrate promotion of economic growth is made on a case-by-case determination.

Note: There is no specific format for submission of this supplemental information if provided.

## Resources

For additional information about Form I-924A:

Read the instructions on the Form I-924A page.

Contact the Immigrant Investor Program at: USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@uscis.dhs.gov

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