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Application: Form I-956F
Application for Approval of an Investment in a Commercial Enterprise

Applicant(s): EB5 Affiliate Network Southeast Regional Center LLC
ID1404251679

Re: Initial I-956F, Application for Approval of an Investment in a Commercial Enterprise
INF2360003604

On May 25, 2023, EB5 Affiliate Network Southeast Regional Center LLC (“the Regional Center”) filed a Form I-956F to request an Initial I-956F, Application for Approval of an Investment in a Commercial Enterprise in accordance with section 203(b)(5)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”). The Regional Center was initially approved for designation in the Regional Center Program (“the Program”)¹ on July 16, 2014.

Specifically, the Form I-956F requests the following:

- Determination of EB-5 compliance for initial I-956F, Application for Approval of an Investment in a Commercial Enterprise.

Effective as of the date of this notice, and as discussed further below, USCIS approves the Regional Center’s request.

¹ INA § 203(b)(5)(E) and its predecessor at Sec. 610 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1993, Pub. L. 102-395 (repealed by the EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act of 2022, Div. BB of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, Pub. L. No. 117-103).

I. Determination of EB-5 Compliance for an initial I-956F, Application for Approval of an Investment in a Commercial Enterprise

Through this Form I-956F and the documents submitted, the Regional Center requests determination of EB-5 compliance for an initial I-956F, Application for Approval of an Investment in a Commercial Enterprise. The Regional Center presented evidence asserting that 100 investors will invest \$80,000,000 total EB-5 capital into Shoora Funds III LLC – the new commercial enterprise (NCE). The NCE will lend the entire amount to IMKB Ventures III, LLC, the job creating entity (JCE). The JCE will then lend the entire amount to its three wholly owned subsidiaries: Oconee Hospitality Company LLC, Oconee Retail Company LLC, and Oconee Community Development Company LLC. The JCE intends to use EB-5 capital with the option to replace bridge equity to build a mixed-use community to include: 72 town homes, 130 single family residences, 125 key hotel, 9 hole executive golf course, and 134,000 sf of retail, restaurant, office, and medical space, all on 137 acres in the Lake Oconee region of Greensboro, Georgia.

After review of the documents submitted in connection with this request, USCIS has determined that the Regional Center has demonstrated that the initial I-956F, Application for Approval of an Investment in a Commercial Enterprise complies with EB-5 requirements.

The Regional Center asserts construction activity will last longer than 2 years. Therefore, USCIS approves the Form I-956F based on evidence submitted indicating that the investment from EB-5 petitioners will create sufficient direct jobs and indirect/induced jobs in accordance with INA § 203(b)(5)(E)(iv)(I) to support 100 EB-5 investors².

USCIS also approves the Regional Center's assertion that the JCE is principally doing business within a rural area.

The approval of an I-956F shall be binding for purposes of the adjudication of subsequent Forms I-526E, Immigrant Petition by Regional Center Investor, filed by immigrants investing in the same offering described in this I-956F application, and of petitions by the same immigrants filed under INA § 216A unless—

(I) the applicant engaged in fraud, misrepresentation, or criminal misuse;

² INA § 203(b)(5)(E)(iv)(I) permits aliens seeking admission to satisfy only up to 90 percent of the job creation requirement with jobs that are estimated to be created indirectly through investment. An employee of the new commercial enterprise or job-creating entity may be considered to hold a job that has been directly created. If the jobs estimated to be created are created by construction activity lasting less than 2 years, Applicants may satisfy only up to 75 percent of the job creation requirement with jobs that are estimated to be created indirectly through investment. INA § 203(b)(5)(E)(iv)(II). If the number of direct jobs estimated to be created has been determined by an economically and statistically valid methodology, and such direct jobs are created by construction activity lasting less than 2 years, the number of such jobs that may be considered direct jobs for purposes of clause (iv) shall be calculated by multiplying the total number of such jobs estimated to be created by the fraction of the 2-year period that the construction activity lasts. INA § 203(b)(5)(E)(v)(II)(cc).

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(II) such approval would threaten public safety or national security;

(III) there has been a material change that affects eligibility;

(IV) the discovery of other evidence affecting program eligibility was not disclosed by the applicant during the adjudication process; or

(V) the previous adjudication involved a material mistake of law or fact.

If the Regional Center has any questions concerning its designation under the Immigrant Investor Program, please contact the USCIS by email at:

USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@uscis.dhs.gov

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