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Chicagoland Foreign Investment Group, LLC
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Application: Application for Regional Center under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program
Applicant: Taher Kameli
Re: Request to Amend Regional Center Designation
Chicagoland Foreign Investment Group, LLC
RCW1034150053/ID1031910114

This notice of approval is in reference to the Application for Regional Center Under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program that was filed by the applicant with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") on November 19, 2010. The application was filed to request approval of an amendment to a previously approved regional center designation under the Immigrant Investor Program. The Immigrant Investor Program was established under § 610 of the Department of Commerce, Justice and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1993 (Pub. L. 102-395, Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1874).

I. Executive Summary of Adjudication

- A. Effective the date of this notice, USCIS approves the amendment request for the additional geographic area to include those areas listed in Section III of this notice.
- B. Effective the date of this notice, USCIS approves the amendment request for the additional industry categories listed in Section III of this notice.

II. Procedural History

On March 5, 2009, USCIS approved the Chicagoland Foreign Investment Group, LLC for participation in the Immigrant Investor Program as a designated regional center. Based on the initial designation the and subsequently approved amendments, Chicagoland Foreign Investment Group, LLC (CFIG) obtained approval for the following geographic area and industry categories:

Geographic Area		
State	Counties/Cities	Approval Date
Illinois	Cook	March 5, 2009
	DeKalb	March 5, 2009
	DuPage	March 5, 2009
	Grundy	March 5, 2009
	Kane	March 5, 2009
	Kendall	March 5, 2009
	McHenry	March 5, 2009
	Will	March 5, 2009
	Lake	March 5, 2009
	Kankakee	March 5, 2009
	Boone	March 5, 2009
	Winnebago	March 5, 2009
	Ogle	March 5, 2009
	Stephenson	March 5, 2009
Indiana	Jasper	October 16, 2009
	Lake	October 16, 2009
	Newton	October 16, 2009
	Porter	October 16, 2009
	Newton	October 16, 2009
Wisconsin	Adams	April 20, 2010
	Columbia	April 20, 2010
	Crawford	April 20, 2010
	Dane	April 20, 2010
	Grant	April 20, 2010
	Green	April 20, 2010
	Iowa	April 20, 2010
	Jefferson	April 20, 2010
	Juneau	April 20, 2010
	Lafayette	April 20, 2010
	Rock	April 20, 2010

In the initial filing and subsequent amendments, approved on March 5, 2009, October 16, 2009, and April 20, 2010, CFGI sought to focus investment in the following business activities:

Industry Categories	Approval Date
Accommodation	March 5, 2009
Agriculture	March 5, 2009
Education	March 5, 2009
Health Care	March 5, 2009
Manufacturing	March 5, 2009
Healthcare and Social Assistance	October 16, 2010
Transportation	October 16, 2010
Retail Trade	October 16, 2010

III. Amendment Request¹

Effective the date of this notice, USCIS approves the applicant's amendment request to incorporate the following changes:

A. Geographic Area

USCIS approves the applicant's amendment request to include the following geographic area:

State	Counties/Cities
Illinois	All Counties
Indiana	All Counties
Michigan	All Counties
Minnesota	All Counties
Wisconsin	All Counties

¹ USCIS issued a Policy Memorandum (PM-602-0083) on the subject of "EB-5 Adjudication Policy," dated May 30, 2013, stating that formal amendments to the regional center designation are no longer required when a regional center changes its industries of focus or geographic boundaries. A regional center may still elect to pursue a formal amendment by filing Form I-924 if it seeks certainty in advance that changes in the industries or the geographic area will be permissible prior to filing Form I-526 petitions.

B. Industry Categories

USCIS approves the applicant's amendment request to include the following industry categories:

Industry Name	Approval Date
Accommodation	March 5, 2009
Agriculture	March 5, 2009
Education	March 5, 2009
Health Care	March 5, 2009
Manufacturing	March 5, 2009
Healthcare and Social Assistance	October 16, 2010
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	October 16, 2010
Transportation	October 16, 2010
Retail Trade	October 16, 2010
Utilities	October 16, 2010
Information	June 12, 2013
Professional and Technical Services	June 12, 2013
Wholesale Trade	June 12, 2013

IV. Job Creation

A hypothetical project does not have the factual details necessary to be in compliance with the requirements described in Matter of Ho, 22 I&N Dec. 206 (Assoc. Comm'r 1998). As such, USCIS's approval of any hypothetical job creation estimates presented in a Form I-924 is not accorded deference and may not be relied upon by an individual investor when filing the Form I-526. The business plan and job creation estimates will receive a de novo review by USCIS when the applicant files a Form I-924 amendment with an I-526 exemplar or an individual investor files Form I-526. Once an actual project is adjudicated upon the filing of an I-526 exemplar or the initial Form I-526, USCIS will give deference to subsequent Forms I-526 when the critical assumptions remain materially unchanged from the initially-approved Form I-526. In addition, organizational and transactional documents associated with the new commercial enterprise (NCE) submitted with this Form I-924 have not been reviewed to determine compliance with program requirements.

When filing Form I-526, it will be the responsibility of the individual investor to submit a comprehensive, detailed and credible business plan, showing by a preponderance of the evidence that his or her investment in the new commercial enterprise will create not fewer than 10 full-time positions.

V. Guidelines for Filing Form I-526 Petitions

Each individual petition, in order to demonstrate that it is affiliated with the Chicagoland Foreign Investment Group, LLC, in conjunction with addressing all the requirements for an individual immigrant investor petition, shall also contain the following:

1. A copy of this regional center approval notice and designation letter including all subsequent amendment approval letters (if applicable).
2. An economic impact analysis which reflects a job creation methodology required at 8 CFR § 204.6 (j)(4)(iii) and shows how the capital investment by an individual immigrant investor will create not fewer than ten (10) indirect jobs for each immigrant investor.
3. A comprehensive, detailed and credible business plan for an actual project that contains the factual details necessary to be in compliance with the requirements described in Matter of Ho, 22 I&N Dec. 206 (Assoc. Comm'r 1998).
4. Legally executed organizational documents of the commercial enterprise.

VI. 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 or as otherwise requested by USCIS. The applicant 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.

Regional centers that remain designated for participation in the Immigrant Investor Program as of September 30th of a calendar year are required to file Form I-924A Supplement in that year. The Form I-924A Supplement with the required supporting documentation must be filed on or before December 29th of the same calendar year.

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 Program will result in the issuance of an intent to terminate the participation of the regional center in the Immigrant Investor Program, which may ultimately result in the termination of the designation of the regional center.

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 Program, please contact the USCIS by email at USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@uscis.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Renaud", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel M. Renaud
Acting Chief, Immigrant Investor Program

cc: Joseph M. Barnett, Esq.

Mobley, Gloria G

From: Dufau, Douglas S
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2013 8:09 AM
To: Mobley, Gloria G
Cc: USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@uscis.dhs.gov.
Subject: FW: Courtesy Copy of the Amended Approval Letter, Unique Identifier: ID1031910114; RCW1034150053; Regional Center Name: Chicagoland Foreign Investments Group, LLC
Attachments: New Chicagoland AAO approval 9-9-13.doc

Attached is the copy showing Taher Kameli as the principal. Please send the corrected copy.
Thanks,
Doug

From: CSC-EB5-RCID3-5
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2013 7:26 AM
To: Dufau, Douglas S
Cc: USCIS Immigrant Investor Program
Subject: FW: Courtesy Copy of the Amended Approval Letter, Unique Identifier: ID1031910114; RCW1034150053; Regional Center Name: Chicagoland Foreign Investments Group, LLC

FYI

From: Joseph Barnett [mailto:jbarnett@kamelilawgroup.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2013 6:36 AM
To: 'USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@uscis.dhs.gov.'
Cc: CSC-EB5-RCID3-5
Subject: RE: Courtesy Copy of the Amended Approval Letter, Unique Identifier: ID1031910114; RCW1034150053; Regional Center Name: Chicagoland Foreign Investments Group, LLC

Dear USCIS Immigrant Investor Program:

Thank you for sending me the electronic courtesy copy of the amended approval designation letter for Chicagoland Foreign Investment Group, LLC ("CFIG").

One minor discrepancy that showed up in the letter is that the applicant's name is Henry Sharfaei, rather than Taher Kameli. As CFIG previously indicated to USCIS, Dr. Sharfaei has not been a member of CFIG since 2011 and is in no way associated with the regional center's business. Attorney Kameli has managed the company since CFIG obtained the regional center designation in 2009 and continues to do so. Since there has been no changes in management of the regional center, no amendment to the regional center designation is required. Accordingly, I now ask that USCIS re-issue the amended approval designation letter for CFIG, naming Taher Kameli as the applicant.

Thank you very much for your assistance in the matter. Should you have any questions or concerns at all, please contact me at this email address or call at (312) 233-1000.

Best Regards,

Joseph M. Barnett

9/25/2013

From: CSC-EB5-RCID3-5 [mailto:CSC-EB5-RCID3-5@uscis.dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 4:16 PM
To: jbarnett@kamelilawgroup.com
Subject: Courtesy Copy of the Amended Approval Letter, Unique Identifier: ID1031910114; RCW1034150053;
Regional Center Name: Chicagoland Foreign Investments Group, LLC

Dear Joseph M. Barnett, Esq.

USCIS is providing the attached electronic courtesy copy of the amended approval designation letter for Chicagoland Foreign Investment Group, LLC was issued on 09/24/2013 and mailed to the address listed on your Form I-924.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding your approval letter, please do not hesitate to contact us at USCIS.ImmigrantInvestorProgram@uscis.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Immigrant Investor Program
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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