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NRG Says Massive California Solar Plant Now on Pace to Meet Goal

The operator of a massive U.S. government-backed solar project in California that fell short of production targets says the facility more than doubled its output last month, putting it on pace to meet its obligations to Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

The Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System, the world's biggest solar-thermal power plant, generated 67,300 megawatt-hours electricity in February, up from about 30,300 a year earlier, according to NRG Energy Inc., which



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operates the faculty and co-owns it with BrightSource Energy Inc. and Alphabet Inc.'s Google. (Read more)

South Dakota Charges Former Official in Immigration Scandal



South Dakota on Thursday charged the former official who ran an investment-for-visa program with five felony counts including that he diverted into his company account more

than \$1.2 million that was supposed to stay in an account to compensate the state for losses.

State Attorney General Marty Jackley said that <u>Joop Bollen</u> turned himself in on an arrest warrant and has been freed on bond. Bollen declined to comment when reached via telephone by The Associated Press. His first court appearance was scheduled for Friday in Aberdeen.

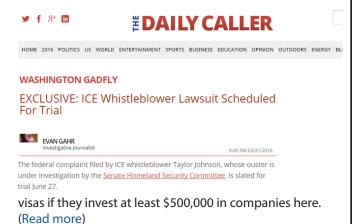
"Ultimately, as we continue the investigation and review and continue the criminal process, there may be additional charges forthcoming," Jackley said. (Read more)

EXCLUSIVE: ICE Whistleblower Lawsuit Scheduled For Trial

The federal complaint filed by ICE whistleblower Taylor Johnson, whose ouster is under investigation by the Senate Homeland Security Committee, is slated for trial June 27.

It could prove the most painful moments for Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid since he got mauled by his own exercise equipment.

Johnson, an award-winning agent, ran afoul of Reid in 2013 by holding up a special green card for his son's clients. His office complained to her Special Agent-In-Charge because she voiced national security concerns about the EB-5 program, which gives wealthy foreigners



First Criminal Charges Filed In Years Long EB-5 Investigation

After a three-year investigation, the first criminal charges have been filed in the state's EB-5 case.

Joop Bollen, the owner of the South Dakota Regional Center in Aberdeen, is now facing felony charges for misusing federal funds intended to recruit foreign investors for the EB-5 program for the Northern Beef Packers plant.

The investigation into the state's EB-5 program began in April of 2013, but before charges could be filed, Richard Benda with the South Dakota Department of Tourism and State Development died of suicide in October 13. (Read more)

Zenith Capital & Senior Housing Partners Plan New Seniors Housing Community in Torrance, California

As more than 10,000 U.S. baby boomers retire every day, Senior Housing Partners, LLC and Zenith Capital have announced that they are planning to build a new memory care community in Torrance, Calif.

South Bay Memory Care will be located at 2455 Pacific Coast Highway. The community will consist of 48 units providing 56 beds for those in need of memory care services. The project is expected to cost \$12.3 million.

Torrance, a coastal community located in southwestern Los Angeles County, has a strong demand for memory care (Alzheimer's). Construction on the one-acre parcel





will start in the third quarter 2016 and will start accepting residents in late 2017. (Read more)



EB-5 Program Update - SEC Orders \$3.2 Million in Disgorgement against Unregistered Broker-Dealers



So you want to use the government's EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program ("EB-5 Program") to raise cash? Be aware

that the <u>SEC</u> will be looking over your shoulder to determine whether you are acting as an unregistered

broker-dealer and require you to disgorge the money you made. In the first order of its kind, the SEC recently ordered two companies to pay nearly \$3.2 million for acting as unregistered broker-dealers in connection with the sale of securities related to the EB-5 Program. (Read more)

CanAm's 29th Project Repayment Marks New Milestone: 1,333 EB-5 Investors Repaid

CanAm Enterprises, LLC ("CanAm") has reached another milestone! On March 23rd, 2016, the Center repaid its loan in full and early to its 80 investors. It is CanAm's 29th EB-5 project to be fully repaid. To date, \$666.5 million representing 1,333 immigrant investor families, have been repaid by CanAm's EB-5 projects. (Read more)



The Demand for EB-5 Visas Is Greater Than Ever



A lot foreign investors tried to clamber aboard the EB-5 train in 2015, fearing it would leave the station.

The number of applications for the controversial investments-for-visas program climbed to just under 17,791 in 2015, up from just over 11,744 in 2014 and 6,554 in 2013, according to <u>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services</u>.

The EB-5 program grants visas to investors who contribute at least \$500,000 to projects in the U.S. that employ 10 workers or more, with a preference for areas with high unemployment. (Read more)

Tacoma Mayor Will Look for Investors on Trip to China, Vietnam

Chun Yang and his son, Yiwen, looked at the Tacoma skyline for a proposed hotel in downtown Tacoma in November 2014. Mayor Marilyn Strickland will check in with Yang during an upcoming trade mission to Asia. Lui Kit Wong File, 2014.

Tacoma Mayor Marilyn Strickland's next trade mission will take her to Vietnam and China in a new attempt to court investors for development projects in the city.



Tacoma mayor will look for investors on trip to China. Vietnam

She will leave Thursday with city Community and Economic Development director Ricardo Noguera and two other staff members on a 10-day swing through the countries. (Read more)

Hudson Looks To Raise \$110M from EB-5 Investors for Brooklyn Library Project



Hudson Companies plans to seek an infusion of Chinese capital in the form of EB-5 for its Brooklyn Heights library redevelopment project, which includes a 36-story condominium tower.

The David Kramer-led development firm is planning to raise up to \$110 million for the project through the popular immigration program, which awards foreign investors a U.S. green card in exchange for \$500,000. The funds will be used toward the construction of a 139-unit condo tower with a 27,000-square-foot library branch at the base, as well as two new rental buildings housing a combined 114 affordable units, Kramer told The Real Deal. The development's address will be 1 Clinton Street.

Hudson tapped the U.S. Immigration Fund, headed by Nicholas Mastroianni, to raise the funds. (Read more)

Private Equity Fund Formation in China: Is this the Future?

Private equity funds have become a staple of investment in every industry sector from real estate to technology to energy to healthcare and more. The investment success of private equity funds has enabled growth in the overall economy and has been a saving grace to many private and public firms who have had difficulty in obtaining growth capital from traditional financial institutions. Some private equity funds originally based in the US have moved offshore or formed offshore parallel or feeder funds in jurisdictions like the Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands (BVI) in order to attract foreign capital. (Read more)

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Part one, "Immigration Options for Graduates" presented by Nataliya Rymer on March 30, will include an overview on temporary visa options, permanent residence options, a discussion on what steps to take in advance of graduation, as well as an update on the president's executive action and immigration reform. (Read more)

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Feds Near To Closing Fraud Case against Port St. Lucie City Center Developer Lily Zhong

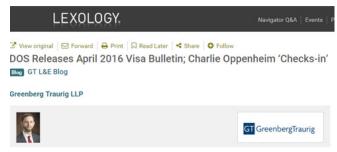


The federal government has settled its investment-fraud case against absentee City Center developer Lily Zhong.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and Zhong reached an agreement earlier this month that bars her from violating the federal laws she was accused of breaking; waives her right to appeal the judgment and its enforcement; and requires her to pay an unspecified amount of fines. (Read more)

DOS Releases April 2016 Visa Bulletin; Charlie Oppenheim 'Checks-in'

The Department of State (DOS) has released the April 2016 Visa Bulletin, with the Application Final Action Date chart for employment-based applications reflecting some substantial movement. Notably, the 2nd preference category for China-mainland born applicants has moved ahead one month to Sept. 1, 2012, and for India born applicants it has moved ahead a few weeks to Nov. 8, 2008. The 3rd preference and Other Workers categories have moved ahead at least one month for all applicants. The Final Action Date cut-off for China-mainland born applicants is now Feb. 1, 2014, for all EB-5 category applicants, keeping with the slow, but forward, trend



of advancing priority date processing in that category. There was no movement in the Dates for Filing chart for employment-based categories. (Read more)

Alan Grayson Says Patrick Murphy Has Best Endorsement "Money Can Buy"



At this point, Alan Grayson isn't surprised that yet another Democrat has endorsed Patrick Murphy in their battle for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate in Florida, even

if it's the much-lauded Bob Graham.

"If you take a look at the polling for those who pitted his daughter against me and Patrick, his daughter came in a very, very poor third in that hypothetical race, so I don't think that a lot of voters would be influenced by that at all," Grayson said.

A poll conducted by Mason-Dixon last summer had Gwen Graham, the first-term congresswoman from Tallahassee and daughter of the beloved Democratic icon, a distant third to Murphy and Grayson in a three-way Democratic race for Senate. (Read more)

Do Bonds and EB-5 Investment Go Together?

EB-5 is a growing and acceptable financing methodology as part of the capital stack in many U.S. projects, with real estate assets remaining the primary focus for investment of such capital. As other projects seek to take advantage of this opportunity to attract capital, the question arises as to whether government bond financed projects are suitable investments for EB-5 capital. In a typical structure, the EB-5 investor invests in a specially formed entity that, in turn, buys the governmental entity's bonds; the bonds finance an eligible project and the investor's money is traced to project costs. Of course, the risk of loss as a result of a default on the bonds also flows through to the EB-5 investor.

EB-5 investment in bonds related to government infrastructure projects can be a suitable investment; however, as with any investment, proper due diligence is

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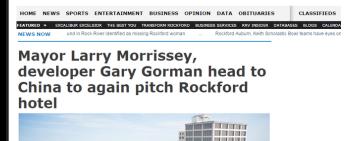
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a necessity. While the risks and benefits of an investment in a bond financed project must be evaluated on a project by project basis, there are some general principles of due diligence that apply to analysis of these investments. (Read more)

Mayor Larry Morrissey, Developer Gary Gorman Head to China to Again Pitch Rockford Hotel

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Mayor Larry Morrissey and developer <u>Gary Gorman</u> left for China this morning, their third sales trip to convince Far East investors that their ticket to a life in the United States is a decrepit, abandoned Midwestern factory.

Gorman & Company's plan to turn the 13-story Amerock building into a \$67 million Embassy Suites hotel depends in part on at least 50 investors, who can sink \$500,000 into the historic renovation project. Their return on investment promises to be more than compounding interest: It's a visa to live in America. (Read more)

Three Downtown Projects Get Support from HDRC

The recent surge in downtown development gathered more steam Wednesday when San Antonio's Historic and Design Review Commission gave conceptual approval to two new hotels and a nod to a 10-story apartment building on the River Walk. (Read more)



Donald Trump Is Absurd, Talking From Both Sides of His Mouth, On Legal Immigration



Hearing the bombastic, pompous and irrational Donald Trump vent, gloat and hold forth on legal immigration,

one wonders if he ever read the works of the late Swiss novelist Max Frisch, who said, "We asked for workers. We got people instead."

The New York businessman and GOP frontrunner in the presidential nomination race swings like a pendulum when he opens his mouth on legal immigrants. His absurd position and stand on those issues changes in a jiffy like a chameleon changes colors. Or the Thar desert the shape of its dunes after a sand storm. Perhaps, Trump – with some awesome, dexterous yoga – at the last second, manages to direct some words from the other side of his mouth. Just for affect. Maybe. (Read more)

Council to Consider Plan to Turn the Historic Central Police Station into a Boutique Hotel

A resolution to sell the vacant Central Police Station, located at 128 Adams Ave., for \$1.1 million is to be considered by the Memphis City Council on Tuesday.

The City Council will consider a resolution on Tuesday to sell the historic, long-vacant Central Police Station for \$1.1 million to a real estate investment and development firm that would renovate it for a boutique hotel.

California-based NCE Realty & Capital Group has retained LRK Architects, hotel consultant Pinkowsky and Co., and others for its project team, according to a written proposal NCE submitted to the city. (Read more)



One-on-One: Bluegrass International Fund CEO Lynn Allen

EB-5 program can create jobs, finance development and market state globally, says <u>Bluegrass International Fund</u> CEO Lynn Allen

Mark Green: Bluegrass International Fund, founded in late 2013, invests in economic development projects on behalf of overseas investors who seek permanent green-card

status under the Department of Homeland Security's EB-5 Regional Center Program. Investors must put a minimum \$1 million into a project creating at least 10 jobs, or \$500,000 if the project is in a rural area or an area where the unemployment rate is designated at least 150 percent of the U.S. average. What portion of BiF's participants are EB-5 investors? (Read more)

Greystone Closes On Site of Mixed-Use Tower in Miami: \$8.8M

New York-based <u>Greystone</u> paid \$8.8 million for a vacant lot in Miami with plans to develop it into a luxury apartment tower with ground floor retail space.

Greystone bought the 34,690-square-foot development site at 1501 Southwest 37th Avenue, which is across the street from the Publix-anchored Douglas Grand shops. The sale breaks down to about \$254 per square foot. (Read more)



Chinese Developers Muscling In To Bay Area Housing Market



The flood of Chinese money into Bay Area housing is coming not just from home buyers. Developers and investors are also building and backing large residential projects here. They mainly want to diversify away from China's overbuilt market but also serve Chinese buyers wanting a home in the Bay Area.

The only U.S. metro area attracting more Chinese development dollars between 2013 and 2015 were New York and its boroughs, according to Jim Costello, a senior vice president with Real Capital Analytics.

Like all developers, they want large, liquid markets that offer a good return on investment. But they "they also look at the local Chinese American community," Costello said. "Can they hire some local brokers with Chinese language skills who can go back and forth" between the U.S. and foreign partners "and even potentially Chinese buyers?" (Read more)

SEC Doing Its Job Protecting Chinese Investors, Will China?

Americans should be proud of the performance of the <u>U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)</u> in stopping fraudulent immigration investment schemes targeting foreign investors. Chinese investors, in particular, have been targeted by fraudsters offering fake investments touted as a pathway to U.S. residency under the EB-5 program administered by the <u>U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service (USCIS)</u>.

It is high time for the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) to extend the same protection to U.S. investors conned by fraudulent Chinese investment schemes. (Read more)



Update on NEK Economic Development/ EB-5 Projects



Northeastern Vermont Development Association David Snedeker, NVDA Executive Director in the following report updates economic development projects in the Northeast Kingdom, including at Q Burke, the airport and at AnC Bio in Newport. Along with construction and planning, workforce development will require a major effort.

NEK Economic Development / EB-5 Projects

Q-Burke Mountain Hotel. EB-5 partners continue to welcome new investors to the project and a successful trip to Vietnam was just completed last week. An announcement on the hotel's opening is expected at the end of March. (Read more)

Oakland Tribune Tower Owner Flips another Historic Office Building

Tom Henderson, a businessman who is seeking to create 2,000 jobs in Oakland through a foreign investment program, has sold the historic I. Magnin Building, one of the four office buildings he bought in Oakland's downtown.

San Diego-based HP Investors has acquired the building at 2001 Broadway for an undisclosed price. The sale closed last Friday, according to public records.

Henderson bought the property for \$9.8 million from Beacon Group Ventures in 2013. With Oakland office buildings selling for more than \$300 per square foot in the past year, the 60,000-square-foot building could have traded for over \$18 million, potentially doubling in value in three years. (Read more)



Film Co. Cre8tive Works Positions Studio Development for Foreign Visa Investment



Cre8tive Works
Announces Decision
to Position the
Company to Pursue

Cre8tive Works, Inc. ("Cre8tive") announces decision to position the company to pursue financing for the film studio project through foreign investment visa program. (Read more)

Financing for the Film Studio Project through Foreign Investment Visa Program

21-Story Hotel and Condo Tower Coming To Downtown San Antonio

Developers are in talks with city officials about building a 21-story hotel and condo tower on the River Walk that would include the first Texas location of the upscale Thompson Hotels chain.

Houston-based Powers Brown Architecture has submitted plans for a tower on a 0.66-acre vacant lot at 101 Lexington Ave. across from the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts. The tower is the latest bit of good news for the city's effort to build up downtown — another

developer revealed plans last month for a 30-story apartment tower on the River Walk.

The building also would be a win for the northern part of downtown, which livened up after the Tobin Center opened in 2014 but remains marred by large swaths of parking lots. (Read more)



Asian Tycoons Seek Opportunities in Western Markets



Asia's tycoons are wrestling with two threats to the continued wealth and wellbeing of their family businesses, say bankers in Hong Kong and Singapore, the continent's financial hubs.

The first is how to diversify away from the stuttering Chinese economy, but the second is more fundamental: how to cope with the "enemy within", in the shape of siblings scrapping to take over their parents' hard-built enterprises. (Read more)

Can USCIS Raise EB-5 investment Amount without Congressional Intervention?

Since its inception as part of the Immigration Act of 1990, the EB-5 program has had a \$1,000,000 threshold capital investment requirement, with that minimum decreased to \$500,000 for projects in targeted employment areas. Last year, legislation was introduced and circulated on Capitol Hill that would raise this investment amount in varying proposals and conditions.

Some have argued that raising the amounts is necessary given inflation: \$1 million in 1990 has the same buying power as \$1,813,443 in 2015. Others argue the investment amounts should remain at their present level to compete with other countries' investment programs and maximize EB-5 visa usage –which has been quite low for most of the program's history, spiking to fulfill the ~10,000 annual quota allocation only relatively recently. (Read more)

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Spoleto following growth path to America

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The investors of Spoleto, a fast casual chain with more than 380 units in Brazil, Mexico Costa Rica, are one step closer to completing their American dream.

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John Velasquez and Carlos Oliveira have qualified to operate the business in the states under the <u>Florida EB-5</u> <u>Regional Center</u>, which offers investment opportunities to foreign nationals, who want permanent residency status (green card) through the <u>USCIS</u> Immigrant Investor Pilot Program, according to a company press release.

The chain, which serves Italian food and has two restaurants located at the University of Central Florida Campus and the Florida Mall Dining Pavilion, will soon open 23 restaurants in designated trade areas throughout the Orlando area, the release stated. (Read more)

Lawmakers Take 'Fix It or Nix It' Stance on EB-5

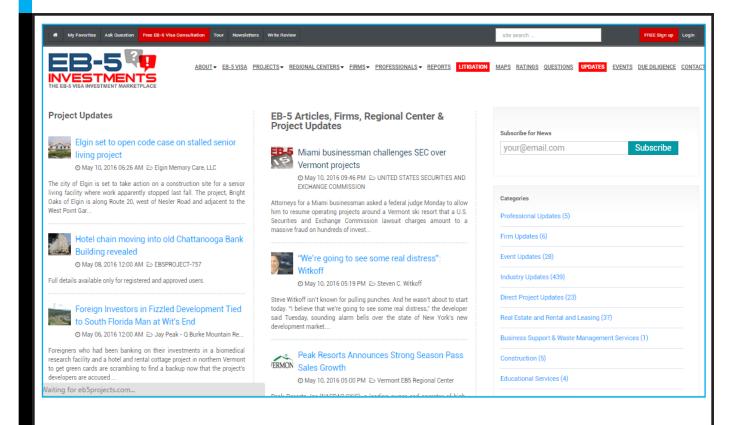


A popular senior housing finance program that was previously under fire will live another day—but lawmakers continue to discuss dismantling or reforming it.

The EB-5 financing program has been extended exactly as is until September 30, 2016, but calls to reform the program with stricter regulations have remained. The provision to extend the program without major changes was approved within the federal funding Omnibus Bill

by Congress on December 15. But in early February, the program was back up for debate.

The program, which has been around for 25 years and provided billions in real estate financing, enables foreign investors to invest in real estate developments that provide at least 10 permanent jobs in targeted employment areas (TEAs), in exchange for U.S. residency visas. (Read more)



Veg Out: 20 Top Vegan Restaurants from Coast to Coast, By Sara Ventiera - By Chloe, New York City

Chef Chloe Coscarelli has been a vegetarian her entire life, and she's been entirely vegan for the past decade. Her first big publicity hit came after winning Food Network's Cupcake Wars, with her dairy-free rendition. Since then, she's published three top-selling cookbooks and opened this ultra-hip plant-based fast-casual Greenwich Village restaurant. By Chloe has become a see-and-be-green go-to eatery for its healthy salads, sandwiches, veggie burgers and taste-bud-tricking sides. The guac burger (a black-bean-quinoa-sweet-potato patty with corn salsa, onion, a slathering of guacamole, tortilla strips and chipotle aioli) is one of the best burgers in the city, and it consistently draws lines out the door. Instantly successful, By Chloe is set to expand to two additional locations soon. (Read more)

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- by Chloe at 60 West 22nd Street

Tishman Speyer Looking to Raise EB-5 Capital for Macy's Redevelopment Plan





Tishman Speyer is soliciting funds for the redevelopment of Macy's former Brooklyn headquarters on Fulton Street, according to marketing materials provided to prospective Chinese investors.

The developer is looking to raise \$60 million in mezzanine financing using the EB-5 program, an immigration scheme that allows foreigners to obtain green cards by investing at least \$500,000 into U.S. developments.

EB-5 capital is slated to account for just 12 percent of the total \$491 million funds being raised for the project, according to the materials, first spotted by Wall Street Journal reporter <u>Eliot Brown</u>. The remainder will be financed with equity from the developer and through a \$210 million construction loan. (Read more)

Q Burke Mountain Project Could Experience More Delays

There may be a mountain of trouble for <u>Q Burke</u> Mountain's new hotel and conference center.

The resort's president tells WCAX News there's a 50-50 chance it may not open for next ski season. It was supposed to be open around Thanksgiving 2015.

The mountain announced its laying off about 180 people this week, mostly due to the lackluster ski season and an early closure for the mountain. But also because of the delayed opening of the new hotel and conference center. Burke has struggled to pay its contractor, still owing about \$5 million. Bill Stenger, president of Jay Peak and a general partner at Burke, says he's recently secured financing from foreign investors and money started to come in to settle debts this week. It must be cleared through the state as part of the EB-5 visa program. (Read more)



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Rockford Mayor in China to Secure Amerock Hotel Funding

Mayor Larry Morrissey (I-Rockford) missed Monday's city council meeting because he's in China.

Morrissey posted the above picture on Instagram. It shows <u>Gorman</u> CEO <u>Gary Gorman</u> addressing Chinese investors. He's trying to convince them to invest in the EB5 bonds for the <u>Amerock Hotel</u> project.

Gorman told Eyewitness News Reporter Phil Reed in an exclusive interview last month that getting funding has been slow. It's only about 25% complete. However, he says his company has already sunk more than \$1 million into the project and he remains committed to the end conference center project. (Read more)

By Dan Catchpole

Local developer Lobsang Dargey's latest Everett project — <u>Potala Place and Farmer's Market</u> — promised to add a hipster touch to downtown's gritty reputation with its street-level market featuring an artisan bakery and farm-to-fork dishes.

But a court-appointed receiver says that the project has no viable business plan, and his development consultant told a federal judge that the project "was in chaos," according to statements filed Thursday in U.S. District Court for Western Washington.

<u>Dargey</u> lost control of Potala Place and Farmer's Market and other developments projects last fall after federal authorities filed a lawsuit against the 42-year-old for allegedly defrauding foreign investors. (<u>Read more</u>)



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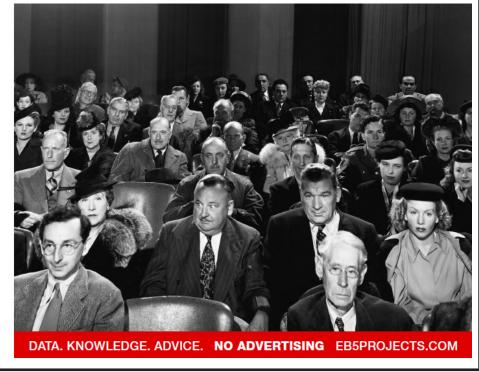
Coast to Coast has made the initial investment of \$1.5m into the Patriot Linen laundry, enabling them to increase production and employment by over 50% from pre-investment levels. There are currently 90 employees working at the laundry and 2016 revenues will be \$4m+. They have the capacity to hire over 100 additional

Coast to Coast has made the initial investment employees within the next 12 months and to of \$1.5m into the Patriot Linen laundry, enabling double revenues. This is already a successful investment and viable EB-5 project! (Read more)

Still in the dark about which investments are in the market?

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Lam Group Lands \$222M Loan from Shanghai Bank for Virgin Hotel



The Lam Group can move ahead with plans to build its 465-key <u>Virgin Hotel</u> in NoMad after scoring a \$222 million construction loan from the Shanghai Commercial Bank.

The development firm, headed by Hong Kong native John Lam, secured financing in late February for the 400,000-square-foot project at 1205-1227 Broadway, located between 29th and 30th streets, property records filed with the city Friday show.

A representative for the lender declined to comment, while the <u>Lam Group</u> could not be immediately reached. (Read more)

Tibor Hollo Wants To Build Taller Panorama Tower

<u>Panorama Tower</u> will already be the tallest residential high-rise on the eastern seaboard south of New York, but developer Tibor Hollo wants to take it a little higher.

The 83-story, 822-foot tower is already under construction, but Hollo's Florida East Coast Realty filed a request with the Federal Aviation Association to 868 feet above ground, the Next Miami reported. In 2011, the developer requested a height of 843 feet, but the FAA reduced it to its current limit. (Read more)



Michael Shvo's Greenwich Street Supertall Gets New Rendering, Details



Lower Manhattan's forthcoming tallest residential skyscraper is perpetually shrouded in mystery, but one thing we do know: it's recently gotten a cash infusion. Per a report in the New York Post, the development at 125 Greenwich Street—a project by Michael Shvo, Bizzi + Partners Development, and New Valley—has received an additional \$175 million in funding from Chinese investors, thanks to the EB-5 program. The Post also reported that the building, which will rise at least 990 feet, will also have a spire of a height that has yet to be determined.

A new rendering of the building shows off Rafael Viñoly's design, which features curved glass windows around a column, with cuts within the exterior at various points. It looks similar to the renderings that circulated last summer, but this is the first up-close look we've gotten thus far. (Read more)

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FBR Capital Cuts Price Target as Peak Resorts (SKIS) Warns of Potential Dividend Cut

FBR Capital maintained an Outperform rating on Peak Resorts (NASDAQ: SKIS), and cut the price target to \$4.00 (from \$8.00), following the company's 3Q report. Disclosures from the report show that this year's ski season is about as bad as the 2011/2012 season that had been described as a once-in-a-century outlier. With the season nearly over, Peak sees FY16 revenues down 10%–12%, to \$92M–\$94M, and adjusted EBITDA down 15%-18%, to \$21M-\$22M. Peak indicated that, unless it receives government approval for a release of funds held in escrow for the EB-5 project, the dividend could be cut. (Read more)



Poor Skiing Weather

9/11: Larry Silverstein Designed New WTC-7 One Year before Attacks



Back in April 2000, one year and five months before the attacks, "Lucky Larry" held a meeting to discuss plans to replace building 7 in 2002. As reported by Veterans Today:

"We got the designs. And the first design meeting was in April of 2000. And construction began shortly thereafter, in 2002."

One slight problem: If he hadn't been planning the illegal, un-permitted, homicidal demolitions of WTC-7 and the entire World <u>Trade Center</u> complex that took place on September 11th, 2001, there would have been no point to any such design meeting back in April, 2000 ... and no opportunity for beginning construction of a new WTC-7 in 2002. (Read more)

PhoenixMart Building Should 'Move Forward' Soon: Mayor

Mayor Bob Jackson did not cover many topics in his final state of the city address Wednesday afternoon at The Property Conference Center.

PhoenixMart was one, and he said he debated his approach. In last year's address, Jackson said the project was expected to start "building soon."

Some progress has occurred in the last year — hundreds of concrete footings have been poured and the city issued a foundation permit for underground utilities to be installed — but vertical construction on the PhoenixMart building has yet to begin. (Read more)



The Newest Trump Building is Partially Funded by Wealthy Immigrant Investors



The promotional materials for <u>88 Kushner-KABR</u>, also known as Trump Bay Street, show a building designed with comforts and amenities certain to attract opulent buyers: There are panoramic views of the Manhattan skyline, an address just blocks from the Hudson River, and real estate developers with a proven reputation for success.

But this sales pitch for the 50-story, 447-unit apartment building isn't meant for buyers. It's targeting wealthy foreign investors; whom developers hope will trade capital for permanent residency in the United States. (Read more)

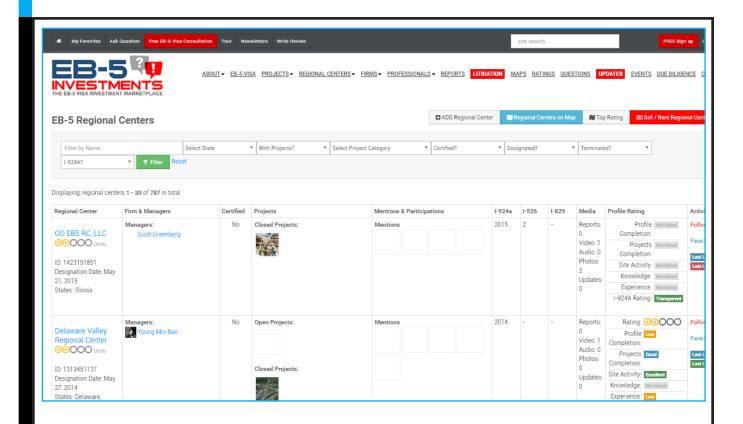
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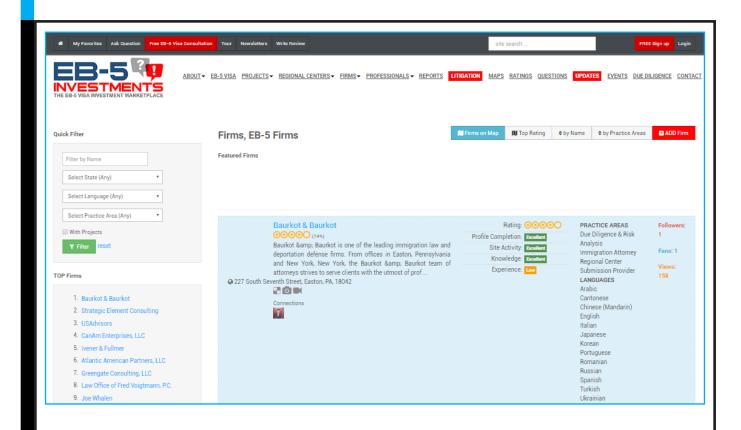
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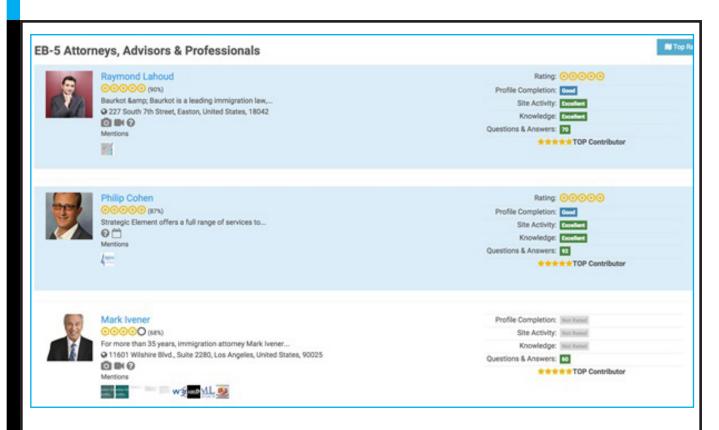
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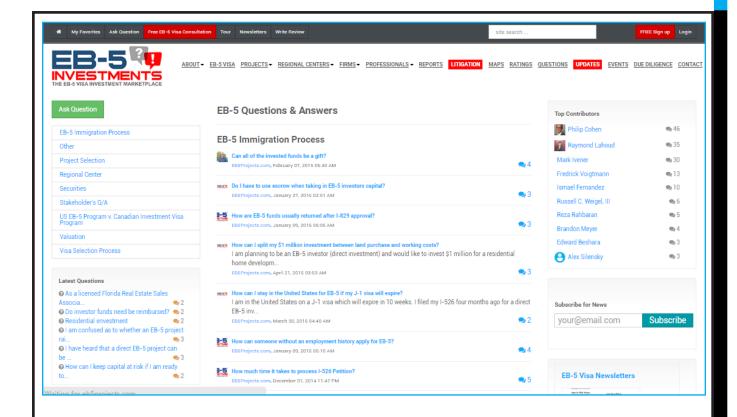


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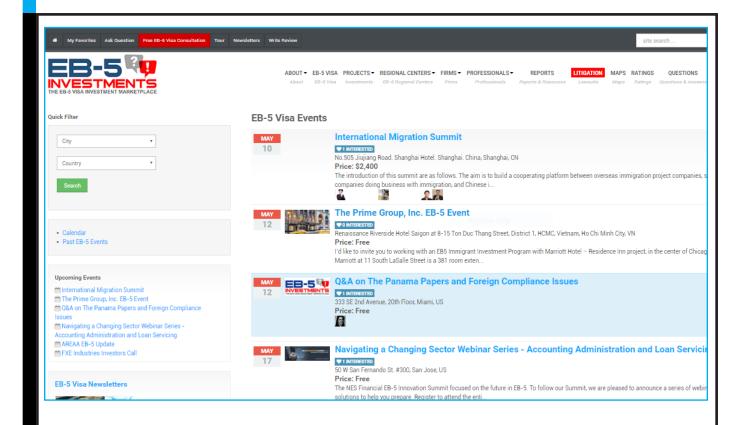


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- 2. What is an RFE?
- 3. How EB-5 funds are usually returned after I-829 approval?
- 4. How can family members on different visas immigrate under EB-5?
- 5. How safe is an EB-5 investment?
- 6. How will individual employees affect I-829 approval?
- 7. How will other EB-5 investors affect my own EB-5 application?
- 8. What business ownership percentage is needed to qualify for EB-5?
- 9. What guestions will be asked at the EB-5 consulate interview?
- 10. Why might an EB-5 application be returned from the NVC to USCIS?
- 11. How long should my business plan be?
- 12. How important is it to show aggressive revenue growth for my EB-5 project?
- 13. How can an EB-5 direct business be changed during conditional residence?
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- 15. How would a bridge loan help my project to be more successful in raising capital?



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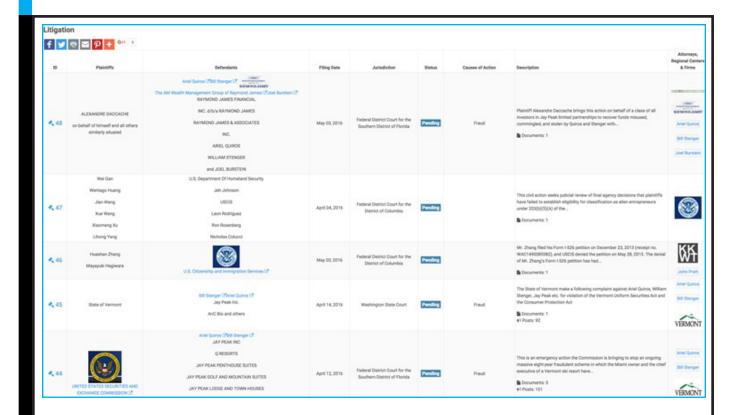


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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE VS DALIA IVETTE SINGH, AKA DALIA PENA



Dalia Ivette Singh, aka Dalia Pena, 61, who most recently resided in Clearwater, Florida, defrauded more than 40 immigrants from the Caribbean and Latin America. Singh charged some families as much as \$36,000, claiming she had a contact with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) who could provide the immigrants with legal status in the United States. Singh claimed her USCIS contact ran a special program the immigrants could use to get legal status. There was no such program and no USCIS contact – Singh fabricated the story to defraud the victims. Singh's sentencing before U.S. District Judge Richard A. Jones is scheduled for Jan. 22, 2016. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Erin Becker.

MARZIEH ADAB, ET AL. V. USCIS, ET AL.



Plaintiffs Marzieh Adab, Ian Bowles, Bei Guo, Mohammad Saeid Khorram, David Lawler, and Jing Zhang filed this action on June 16, 2014. Dkt. No. 1. ("Compl."). Plaintiffs assert claims against the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS"); Jeh Johnson, Secretary, U.S. Dept. Of Homeland Security; Nicholas Colucci, Chief, Immigrant Investor Program, USCIS; and Lori Scialabba, Acting Director, USCIS.

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Defendants created a scheme to induce the Plaintiffs to deliver funds to Defendants, which funds were not used for the intended investment purposes and were instead used to convert property for the benefit of the Defendants.

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ACCESS THE USA VS. WASHINGTON STATE



An investment firm specializing in helping wealthy foreigners buy into American public projects to secure green cards has sued Washington state claiming Chinese investors were unfairly cut out of the state Route 520 bridge replacement project.

Filing the lawsuit earlier in May, attorneys for the Washington firm – Access the USA – claim the state ignored \$143 million in bond offers from foreign investors. Most of those investors are wealthy Chinese nationals looking to come to the United States through an immigration program that grants legal residency to foreigners who invest at least \$500,000.



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