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**USA green card by investment - EB-5 Visa:**

The EB-5 Visa provides the most flexible path to a Green card and is based on investment in the US. The EB-5 Visa does not require the applicant to manage the day-to-day affairs of a business. One may invest in an existing business or a new business. More than one person may invest in the same business. The EB-5 investor may be a minority owner of the business.

One may qualify for an EB-5 Visa by:

1. Investing One million dollars and hiring ten employees anywhere in the USA.
2. Investing \$500,000 US and hiring ten employees in an area where the unemployment rate exceeds the national average unemployment rate by 150%.
3. Investing in a regional centre.

The INS has designated specific areas, called Regional Centres, as eligible to receive immigrant investor capital. The INS has approved over 520 Regional Centres. Regional Centre investors may rely on indirect job creation rather than directly hiring ten employees. A competent professional, such as an economist, must quantify the indirect employment. If the regional centre is in a high unemployment area, the required capital is reduced to \$500,000 US. Presently there are projects underway in many regional centres whereby making an investment of \$500,000 in a limited partnership can qualify an individual for applying for a Green card through the EB-5 Visa program.

Out of the 10,000 Investor visas (EB-5 Visas) available annually, 5,000 have been set-aside for those who apply under a pilot program involving an INS-designated "Regional Centre" To date, this quota has not been exceeded.

EB-5 investors include people from all walks of life - professionals, business people, persons wanting to facilitate a child's education and retirees. Because the EB-5 Visa permits employment in the US, many EB-5 investors become involved in charity or part time work. Simply put, the EB-5 visa gives you the flexibility to do what you want in the USA.

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