

Regional Centers v. Individual EB-5

The profiles of the individual EB-5 investor and the regional center EB-5 investor are generally rather different. The individual EB-5 investor generally has the following characteristics:

- He actually wants to start and/or manage a business.
- His business will be creating employment up front.
- The investment is the driving force behind his wanting to come to the US.
- He wants to have control over his investment.
- He wants to maximize profits from his investment.

On the other hand, the regional center often meets the needs of investors with a different set of characteristics:

- She is not interested in starting a business.
- She may be a retiree.
- Although she may want to start a business, it will not create sufficient employment for an individual EB-5.
- She wants to be geographically mobile.
- She wants to spend most of her time outside of the US.
- Immigration - - rather than US business - - is the driving force behind her investment.