

TABLE OF CHANGES – INSTRUCTIONS
Form I-956, Application for Regional Center Designation
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Page 1, What Is the Purpose of Form I-956?	<p>[Page 1]</p> <p>...</p> <p>(2) Changes to the regional center’s ownership, organizational structure, or administration, including the sale of the regional center, or other arrangements that would result in individuals not previously subject to the requirements under INA section 203(b)(5)(H) becoming involved with the regional center; or</p> <p>[new]</p> <p>[new]</p> <p>(3) Changes to the geographic area of the regional center.</p>	<p>[Page 1]</p> <p>...</p> <p>(2) Significant changes to the regional center’s ownership, organizational structure, administration, management, or oversight, including the sale of the regional center or changes to the regional center’s policies and procedures to monitor and oversee associated new commercial enterprises and job-creating entities under 8 CFR 204.412(b);</p> <p>(3) Changes to the regional center’s management or oversight that resulted in the departure of a person previously involved with the regional center that held a significant role in the management or oversight of the regional center (including information about the person now filling the vacated position);</p> <p>(4) Any other change resulting in a person becoming involved with the regional center that was not previously subject to the requirements of section 203(b)(5)(H) of the Act; or</p> <p>(5) Changes to the geographic area of the regional center.</p>
Page 1, When Must a Regional Center File an Amendment?	<p>[Page 1]</p> <p>...</p>	<p>[Page 1]</p> <p>...</p>

	<p>A regional center must file an amendment not later than 120 days before the implementation of the significant proposed changes to its organizational structure, ownership, or administration, including the sale of the regional center or other arrangements which would result in individuals not previously subject to the eligibility requirements under INA section 203(b)(5)(H) becoming involved in the regional center.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>A regional center must file an amendment not later than 120 days before the implementation of of significant proposed changes to its organizational structure, ownership, administration, management, or oversight, including the sale of the regional center or other arrangements which would result in individuals not previously subject to the eligibility requirements under INA section 203(b)(5)(H) becoming involved in the regional center.</p> <p>...</p>
Pages 1-3, General Instructions	<p>[Page 1]</p> <p>...</p> <p>2. If you need extra space to complete any item within this application, use the space provided in Part 12. Additional Information or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print the name of the regional center entity at the top of each sheet; indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>[Page 3]</p> <p>...</p> <p>2. If you need extra space to complete any item within this application, use the space provided in Part 11. Additional Information or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print the name of the regional center entity at the top of each sheet; indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.</p> <p>...</p>
Pages 3-5, Specific Instructions	<p>[Page 3]</p> <p>...</p> <p>Item Number 8. Regional Center Mailing Address (and Physical Address when Applicable). Provide the mailing address where the regional center entity can receive a printed notice from USCIS. If the mailing address of the regional center entity is the same as the physical address, select the box indicating so. If the mailing address of the regional center entity is different from its physical address, provide the physical address of the regional center entity in the space provided in Part 12. Additional Information.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Item Number 1. Geographic Area of the Regional Center. Provide a listing of the geographic components (states, counties, census tracts) that comprise the defined,</p>	<p>[Page 4]</p> <p>...</p> <p>Item Number 8. Regional Center Mailing Address (and Physical Address when Applicable). Provide the mailing address where the regional center entity can receive a printed notice from USCIS. If the mailing address of the regional center entity is the same as the physical address, select the box indicating so. If the mailing address of the regional center entity is different from its physical address, provide the physical address of the regional center entity in the space provided in Part 11. Additional Information.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Item Number 1. Geographic Area of the Regional Center. Provide a listing of the geographic components (states, counties, census tracts) that comprise the defined,</p>

	<p>contiguous, and limited geographic area of the regional center. When listing census tract component(s), please enter the 11-digit FIPS code (2-digit state code, 3-digit county code, and 6-digit tract code format) that uniquely identifies each census tract. If filing an amendment to expand the geographic area of the regional center, you must describe both the currently approved geographic area and the area of requested expansion. If you need additional space to list the relevant components of the requested geographic area, list them in the space provided in Part 12. Additional Information.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Part 5. Policies and Procedures to Monitor New Commercial Enterprises and Job-Creating Entities</p> <p>Item Number 1. Indicate whether the regional center has submitted documentation of the policies and procedures in place to monitor the new commercial enterprises and job-creating entities' compliance with applicable laws.</p> <p>...</p> <p>If the regional center has not submitted documentation, describe the policies and procedures in place to monitor the new commercial enterprises and job-creating entities.</p> <p>NOTE: The description may include, but is not limited to, the regional center's policies and procedures regarding internal controls, risk management and assessment, governance, and fraud detection and/or deterrence. Documentation may include, but is not limited to, Policy Manuals and Standard Operating Procedures.</p> <p>Part 6. Policies and Procedures to Ensure Program Compliance</p>	<p>contiguous, and limited geographic area of the regional center. When listing census tract component(s), please enter the 11-digit FIPS code (2-digit state code, 3-digit county code, and 6-digit tract code format) that uniquely identifies each census tract. If filing an amendment to expand the geographic area of the regional center, you must describe both the currently approved geographic area and the area of requested expansion. If you need additional space to list the relevant components of the requested geographic area, list them in the space provided in Part 11. Additional Information.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Part 5. Policies and Procedures to Ensure Legal Compliance and Monitor and Oversee New Commercial Enterprises and Job-Creating Entities</p> <p>Item Number 1. Indicate whether the regional center has submitted documentation of the policies and procedures in place to ensure its compliance and to monitor and oversee the new commercial enterprises and job-creating entities' compliance with applicable laws.</p> <p>...</p> <p>If the regional center has not submitted documentation, describe the policies and procedures in place to ensure its compliance with and to monitor and oversee the new commercial enterprises and job-creating entities' compliance with applicable laws.</p> <p>NOTE: The description may include, but is not limited to, the regional center's policies and procedures regarding internal controls, risk management and assessment, governance, and fraud detection and/or deterrence. Documentation may include, but is not limited to, Policy Manuals and Standard Operating Procedures.</p> <p>[deleted]</p>
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	<p>[new]</p> <p>We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed application for your records.</p>	<p>Item Number 9. Describe or identify the evidence submitted demonstrating the relevant experience of the persons involved with the regional center that would demonstrate the likelihood of the regional center’s success in creating jobs and increasing capital investment.</p> <p>We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed application for your records.</p>
<p>Page 5, What Evidence Should You Submit?</p>	<p>[Page 5]</p> <p>What Evidence Should You Submit?</p> <p>As applicable, you should submit evidence with your application to demonstrate that you are eligible for designation as a regional center, such as the items listed below.</p> <p>You should provide the following evidence for applications filed to request initial designation of a regional center and/or to make amendments to the name, organizational structure, ownership, geographic area, or administration of a previously designated regional center.</p> <p>1. Map or Illustration of Geographic Area of Regional Center. The geographic area covered by the regional center must be a defined, contiguous, and limited geographic area. You may provide a map or other illustration of the geographic components that comprise the limited and contiguous geographic area of the regional center. Include a list of the geographic components that make up the proposed geographic area of the regional center.</p> <p>2. Substantive Economic Impact on Geographic Area of the Regional Center. You should provide evidence that the regional center’s pooled investment will have a substantive economic impact on the proposed geographic area. Your proposal must include reasonable predictions, supported by economically and statistically valid and transparent forecasting tools, concerning the amount of investment that will be pooled, the kinds of commercial enterprises that will receive such</p>	<p>[Page 5]</p> <p>What Evidence Must You Submit?</p> <p>As applicable, you must submit evidence with your application to demonstrate that you are eligible for designation as a regional center, such as the items listed below.</p> <p>You must provide the following evidence for applications filed to request initial designation of a regional center and/or to make amendments to the name, organizational structure, ownership, geographic area, or administration of a previously designated regional center.</p> <p>1. Map or Illustration of Geographic Area of Regional Center. You must identify the contiguous and limited geographic area covered by the regional center. You may provide a map or other illustration of the geographic components that comprise the limited and contiguous geographic area of the regional center. Include a list of the geographic components that make up the proposed geographic area of the regional center.</p> <p>2. Substantive Economic Impact on Geographic Area of the Regional Center. You must provide evidence that the regional center’s pooled investment will have a substantive economic impact on the proposed geographic area. Your proposal must include reasonable predictions, supported by economically and statistically valid and transparent forecasting tools, concerning the amount of investment that will be pooled, the kinds of commercial enterprises that will receive such</p>

	<p>investments, details of the jobs that will be created directly or indirectly as a result of such investments, and other positive economic effects such investments will have.</p> <p>[new]</p> <p>[new]</p> <p>[new]</p> <p>[new]</p> <p>3. Policies and Procedures to Monitor New Commercial Enterprises and Job-Creating Entities. You may provide evidence, such as a written policy document, that describes the policies and procedures in place reasonably designed to monitor new commercial enterprises and any associated job-creating entity to seek to ensure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and Executive Orders of the United States, including immigration, criminal, and securities laws, as well as all securities laws of the state where any securities offerings will be conducted, investment advice will be given, or the offerors or offerees reside.</p>	<p>investments, details of the jobs that will be created directly or indirectly as a result of such investments, and other positive economic effects such investments will have.</p> <p>3. Market Analysis. You must provide a general market analysis of the proposed job creating activities and explanation regarding how the proposed project activities are likely to promote economic growth and create jobs.</p> <p>4. Promotional Activities. You must describe the promotional efforts taken and planned by the regional center to recruit regional center investors, including any planned use of social media platforms and web-based communications tools to advertise, promote, sell, or market the EB-5 visa program and any engagement of direct or third-party promoters.</p> <p>5. Direct and Indirect Ownership. You must provide a detailed statement regarding the direct and indirect ownership and management of the regional center, including biographies for management, officers, directors, and any person with similar responsibilities.</p> <p>6. Relevant Experience and Expertise. You must describe the relevant experience and expertise of the persons involved with the regional center that would demonstrate the likelihood of the regional center's success in creating jobs and increasing capital investment.</p> <p>7. Policies and Procedures to Ensure Legal Compliance and Monitor and Oversee New Commercial Enterprises and Job-Creating Entities. You must describe, in writing, the specific policies and procedures reasonably designed to cause associated parties to comply, as applicable, with the immigration laws, criminal laws, labor laws and securities laws of the United States and the laws of the applicable States in connection with the offer, purchase, or sale of securities of the regional center and its associated new commercial enterprises or job-creating entity(ies), as applicable, which may be further documented in a business plan,</p>
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	<p>valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 22.82 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the application, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the application. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Mail Stop #2140, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009; OMB No. 1615-XXXX. Do not mail your completed Form I-956 to this address.</p>	<p>valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 23.29 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the application, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the application. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Mail Stop #2140, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009; OMB No. 1615-XXXX. Do not mail your completed Form I-956 to this address.</p>
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