



## Welcome to the Gateway to the Midwest Investment Center

### *How it works...*

The Gateway to the Midwest Investment Center is St. Louis' first EB-5 regional center. It is an economic development regional center with a public mission of growing jobs and increasing foreign direct investment throughout the St. Louis region.

The regional center is sponsored by St. Louis Economic Development Partnership. It serves St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County.

### *What is an EB-5 Investment Visa Program?*

The federal EB-5 Investment Visa Program offers investors from around the world the opportunity to earn permanent residency in the United States by investing in a new or existing enterprise that results in the creation or preservation of full-time jobs. Qualifying, foreign-born investors also can earn permanent residency for their spouse and children under the age of 21.

### *What is a Regional Center?*

A regional center is an entity, organization or agency approved by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. It focuses on a specific U.S.-based geographic area, promoting economic growth.

*Together*, the EB-5 visa program and a regional center can build better communities and create regional job growth.



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## Goals

- ▶ Increase foreign-direct investment in St. Louis, contributing to economic and employment growth
- ▶ Form long-term partnerships with project developers, regional businesses and foreign investors
- ▶ Facilitate access to foreign capital at reduced cost
- ▶ Create new jobs

## Getting Started

Please contact the Gateway to the Midwest Investment Center to get started.  
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**\$3.58B**

INVESTED  
*in 2013*

**41,000**

JOBS CREATED  
*in 2013*

**8,564**

VISAS GRANTED  
*in 2013*