

U.S. Immigration Options for Investors				
	E-2	L-1	Regional Center EB-5	Individual EB-5
Amount of Investment	Typically over \$100,000 (enough to capitalize the entity)	No specified amount	Usually \$500,000	\$500,000 or \$1,000,000
Initial Length of Visa	Up to 5 years	1 year initially	2 year conditional permanent residence, then permanent residence	2 year conditional permanent residence, then permanent residence
Maximum Period	Unlimited extensions	5 or 7 years	Permanent	Permanent
Special Requirements	Must be from treaty country	Must have worked for overseas entity one year	Must prove the source of funds	Must prove the source of funds
Must Create Jobs?	A few	A few	Pre-approved	10 jobs required
Ability to Buy an Existing U.S. Company	OK	OK	No	Must reorganize or expand 40%
Timing for Approval	1 – 2 months average	15 business days after filing	2 – 6 months, plus green card wait	6+ months, plus green card wait
Timing for Employment Authorization	Immediate	Immediate	≥ 5 months	≥ 9 months