

EB-5 **INVESTOR** VISA MADE SIMPLE:

Your Fast-Track to a U.S. Green Card Through Investment



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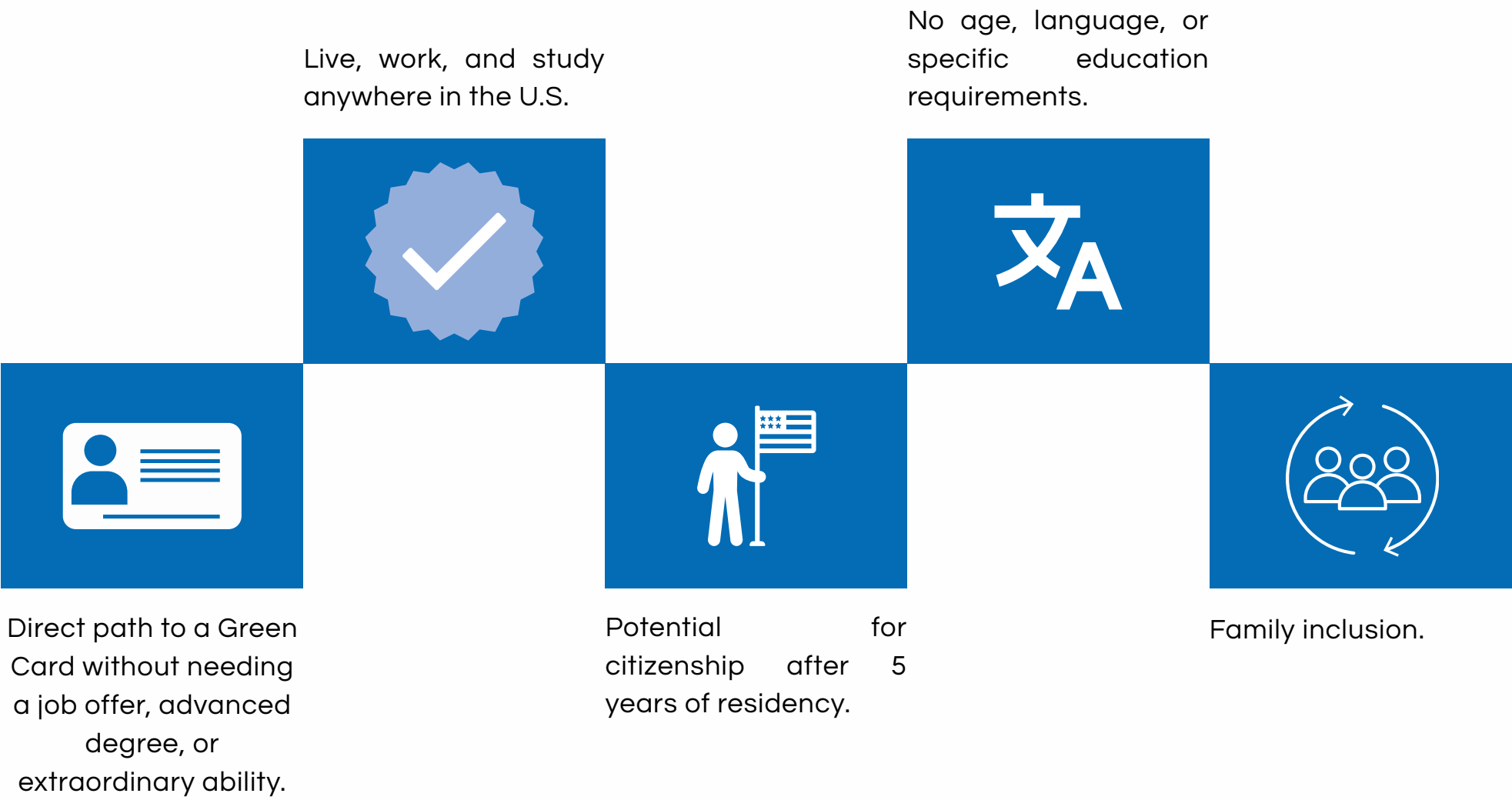
This guide provides a clear, practical overview of the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program for high-net-worth individuals from Asia, Europe, and Latin America seeking U.S. permanent residency. It covers eligibility, investment options, processes, [source of funds requirements](#), backlogs by country, risks, and mitigation strategies based on current 2026 rules. Always consult qualified U.S. immigration attorneys and financial advisors for personalized advice, as rules can evolve and individual circumstances vary.

A background image showing three business professionals (two women and one man) walking on a rooftop or balcony. They are dressed in business attire. The woman on the left is wearing a dark blue suit, the woman in the middle is wearing a light grey blazer and dark pants, and the man on the right is wearing a dark suit and tie. They are holding folders and a tablet. In the background, there is a city skyline with several tall skyscrapers under a clear sky. The image has a soft, slightly blurred effect.

Chapter 1: What Is the EB-5 Visa and Why Consider It in 2026?

The EB-5 program, administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), allows foreign investors and their immediate families (spouse and unmarried children under 21) to obtain conditional U.S. permanent residency (Green Card) by investing in a qualifying U.S. commercial enterprise that creates or preserves American jobs.

KEY BENEFITS:



IN 2026, THE PROGRAM REMAINS ATTRACTIVE DUE TO PRIORITY PROCESSING FOR RURAL PROJECTS, RESERVED VISAS, AND STABLE INVESTMENT THRESHOLDS.

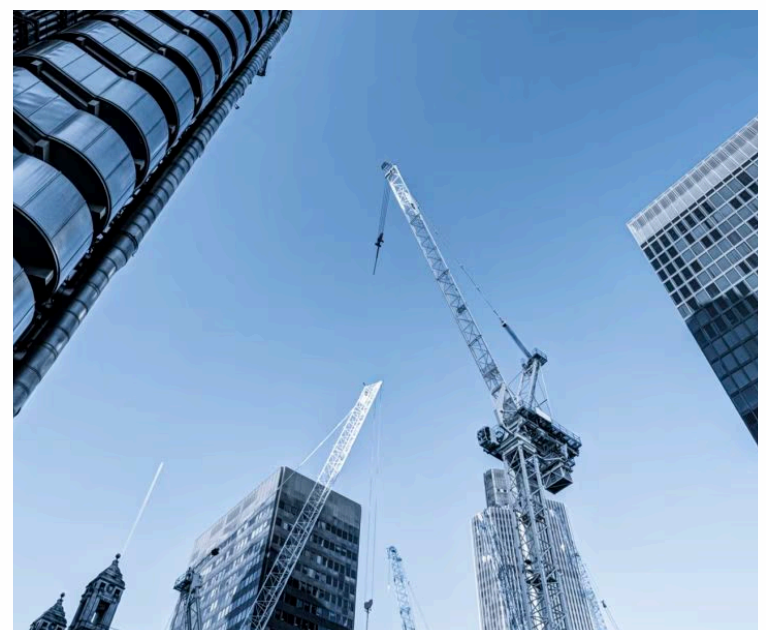
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Chapter 2: Investment Tiers and 2026 Rules (\$800K vs. \$1.05M)

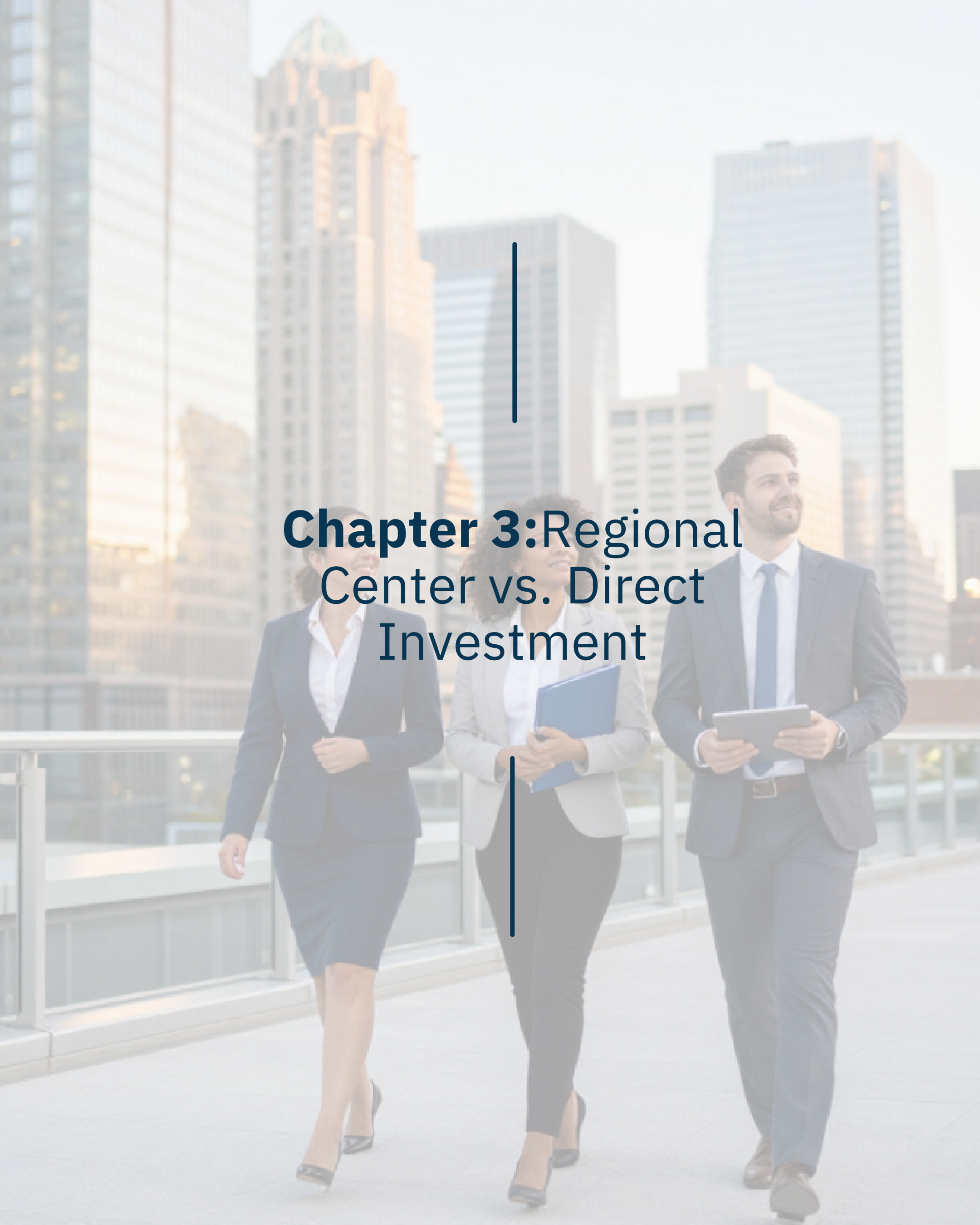
Under the EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act (RIA) of 2022, there are two main investment tiers:

- ✓ \$800,000 — For Targeted Employment Areas (TEAs: rural areas or high-unemployment areas with unemployment at least 150% of the national average) or qualifying infrastructure projects. These often qualify for set-aside visas (rural: 20%, high-unemployment: 10%, infrastructure: 2%) and faster processing.
- ✓ \$1,050,000 — For standard (non-TEA) projects.

Additional Costs:
Expect legal fees (\$50K–\$100K+), administrative/project fees, and possible escrow or monitoring costs. Total outlay often exceeds the minimum investment.



These amounts remain unchanged for fiscal year 2026. The next inflation adjustment is expected in early 2027. The capital must be “at risk” (no guaranteed returns) and invested in a New Commercial Enterprise (NCE)

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Chapter 3: Regional Center vs. Direct Investment

ASPECT	REGIONAL CENTER INVESTMENT	DIRECT INVESTMENT
INVESTMENT MINIMUM	\$800K (TEA) or \$1.05M	Same
JOB CREATION	Direct + indirect + induced jobs (via economic models)	Direct jobs only (W-2 employees in your business)
MANAGEMENT ROLE	Mostly passive	Active management required
POPULARITY	~96% of EB-5 investments; pooled funds	Rare; higher burden of proof
RISK/COMPLEXITY	Lower for investors; professionals handle operations	Higher; you manage the business
BEST FOR	Most high-net-worth investors seeking simplicity	Entrepreneurs wanting full control

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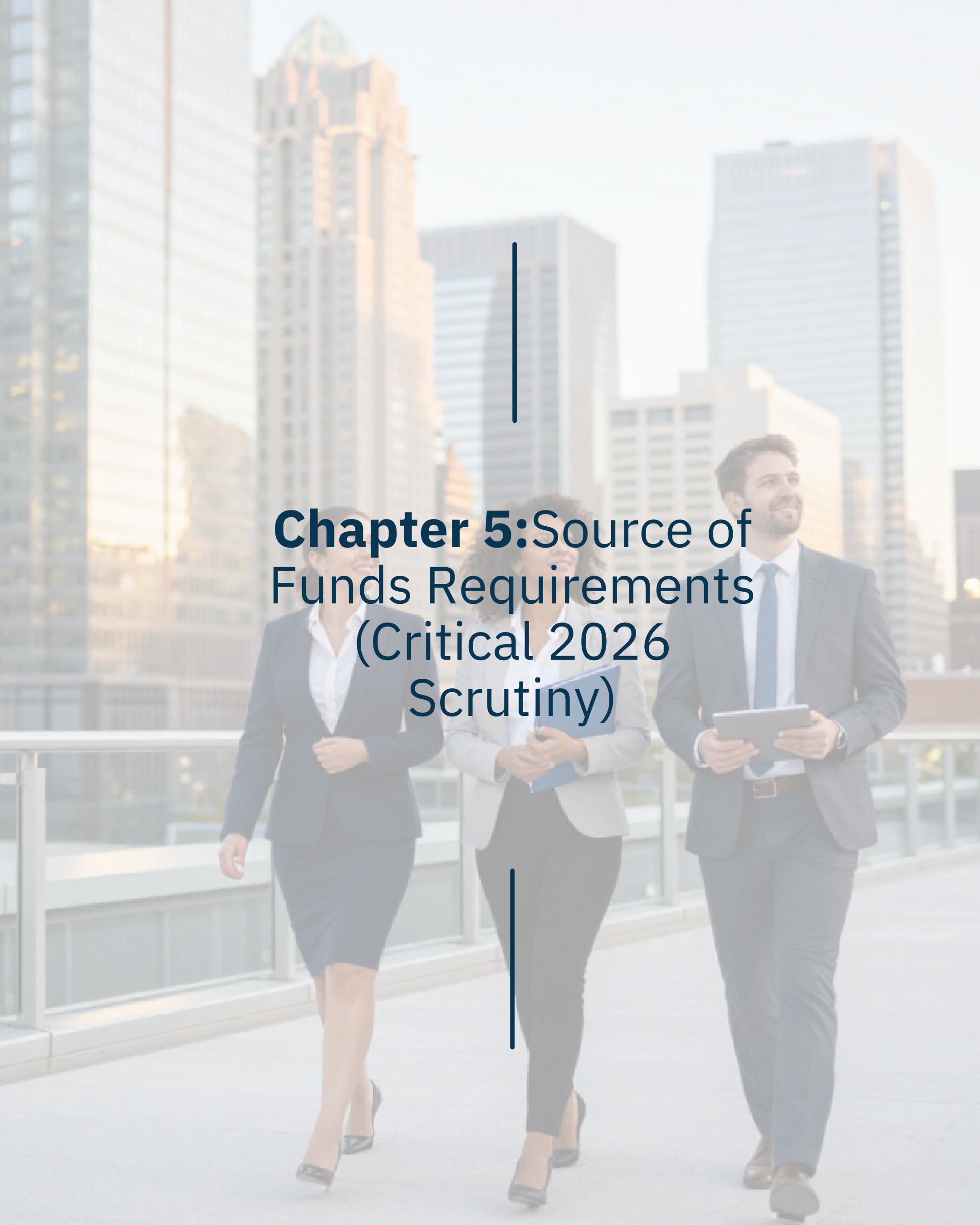
Chapter 4: Job- Creation Requirements

The core requirement: Your investment must create or preserve **at least 10 full-time jobs** (35+ hours/week) for qualifying U.S. workers (citizens, permanent residents, or other authorized workers—not the investor or their family).

TIMELINE:	Generally within 2 years of conditional Green Card approval (or from capital deployment in some cases).
REGIONAL CENTER:	Indirect/induced jobs count.
DIRECT:	Only direct W-2 jobs in your enterprise.
TROUBLED BUSINESSES:	Can preserve existing jobs instead of creating new ones.

A detailed business plan and (for regional centers) **economic impact** study are required in the petition.



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Chapter 5:Source of Funds Requirements (Critical 2026 Scrutiny)

One of the most rigorous and scrutinized parts of the EB-5 process is proving the lawful source and path of your investment capital (and any administrative fees). Under the RIA (effective for petitions filed on or after May 14, 2022), you must demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that funds were obtained through lawful means. USCIS requires a clear, traceable “path of funds” from the original source through every transfer to the project.



Acceptable Sources of Funds (examples):

- Salary, bonuses, or professional income.
- Business profits or retained earnings.
- Sale of real estate, stocks, or other assets.
- Inheritance or gifts (donor’s source must also be documented).
- Loans (must be from lawful sources; bank loans are simpler; non-bank loans require full tracing of lender’s funds).
- Other legitimate assets (e.g., dividends, patents).

Required Documentation (typically 7 years of records recommended):

- Personal and business tax returns (U.S. or foreign).
- Bank statements showing deposits, withdrawals, and transfers.
- Business registration records, corporate filings, shareholder agreements, and audited financials.
- For asset sales: deeds, sale contracts, closing statements, and proof of deposit.
- For gifts/inheritance: notarized gift letters, probate documents, and donor’s source-of-funds evidence.
- Employment verification letters, pay stubs, or accountant statements.
- Full wire transfer records and any intermediary account statements.

Key Tips:

- No gaps in the paper trail—every step must be documented.
- Funds must be fully “at risk” and available at the time of investment.
- Partial funding is possible but requires documented lawful sources for future installments.
- Work with an experienced EB-5 attorney early—missing or incomplete SOF is a top reason for Requests for Evidence (RFEs) or denials.

Start gathering records now—this step often takes the longest.

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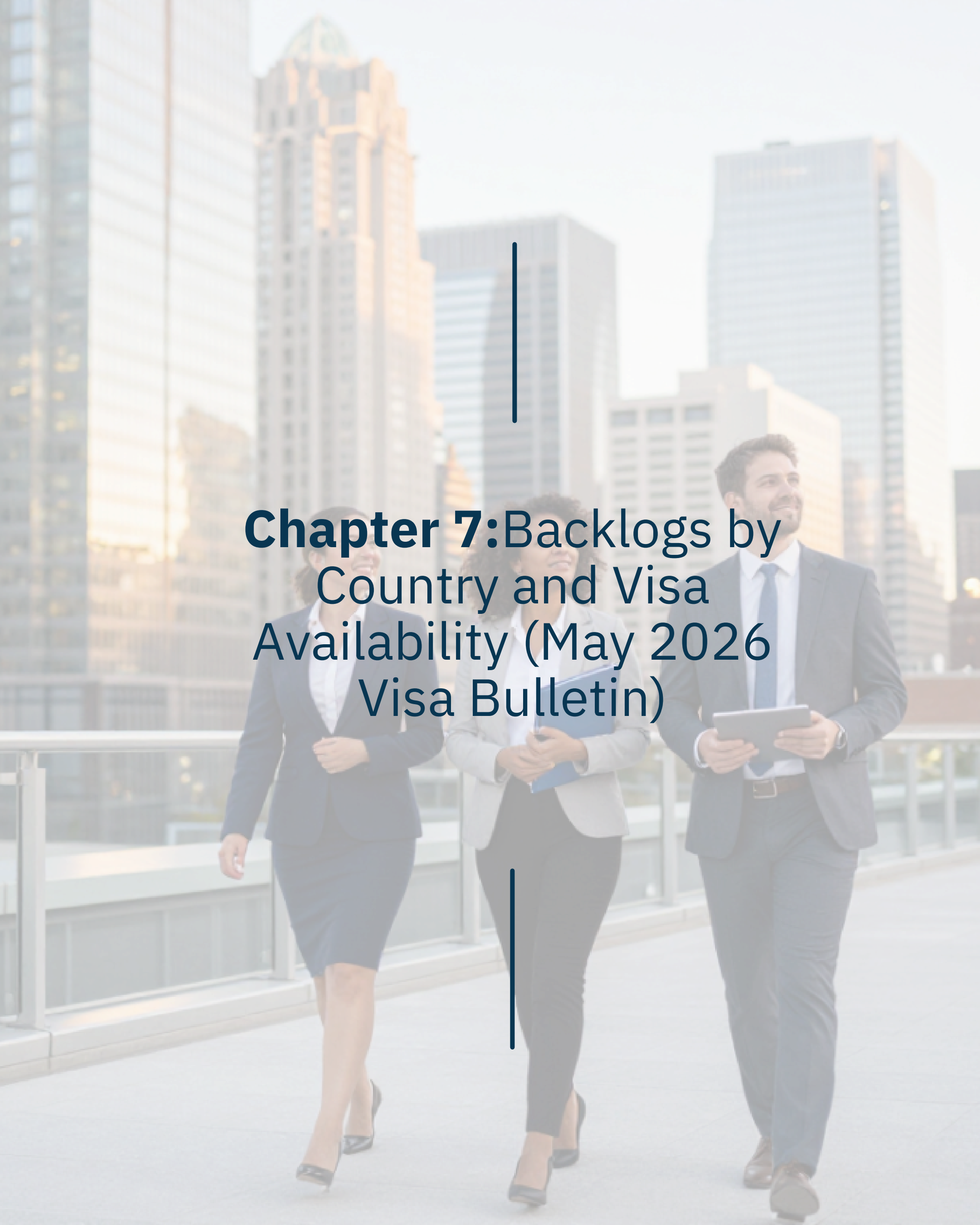
Chapter 6: Step-by-Step Process and Timelines (2026)

- ✓ **Choose Project & Due Diligence** — Select TEA/regional center project; review offering documents.
- ✓ **Source of Funds Documentation** — Compile and trace all records (see Chapter 5).
- ✓ **File I-526E Petition** — With USCIS. Rural projects often approved in ~5–12 months (priority processing).
- ✓ **Conditional Green Card** — Via Adjustment of Status (I-485, if in U.S.) or Consular Processing. Work/travel authorization (EAD/AP) often available quickly.
- ✓ **Sustain Investment** — Keep capital at risk for ~2 years.
- ✓ **File I-829** — To remove conditions and get permanent Green Card (typically 2–3+ years after conditional).



2026 Timelines: Rural/priority cases can see I-526E approvals in months; overall to Green Card often 1.5–4+ years depending on nationality and backlog. Monitor the monthly Visa Bulletin and USCIS processing times.

Deadlines Note: File before key 2026/2027 dates for grandfathering protections if the program authorization changes.

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Chapter 7: Backlogs by Country and Visa Availability (May 2026 Visa Bulletin)

EB-5 has per-country limits (7% cap), but the RIA's set-aside visas dramatically improve access:

- **Reserved/Set-Aside Categories (Rural 20%, High-Unemployment TEA 10%, Infrastructure 2%):** Current (no backlog) for all countries, including China, India, Vietnam, and Latin America. This is the fastest path in 2026.
- **Unreserved (Standard) Category:**

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- All other countries (including most of Europe and Latin America): Current.
 - China (mainland-born): Final Action Date ≈ September 22, 2016 (roughly 10-year wait for older cases).
 - India: Final Action Date ≈ May 1, 2022 (roughly 4-year wait for older cases).

Strategic Advice:

Investors from high-demand countries (China, India, Vietnam) should prioritize rural or high-unemployment TEA projects at the \$800K tier. These qualify for set-asides, eliminate visa backlogs, and often receive faster I-526E processing. Unreserved projects expose applicants to country-specific delays.

Visa availability is monitored monthly—check the latest Visa Bulletin. High demand may cause future adjustments, but set-asides remain the clearest lane in 2026.

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Chapter 8: Risk- Mitigation Tips

EB-5 involves immigration and financial risks. Capital is at risk, with no U.S. government guarantee of return.

Success rates are high (90%+ approvals) with proper structuring.

Key Risks & Mitigation:

- **Immigration Risk (Denial/Failure to Remove Conditions):** Choose projects with strong track records, I-956F approvals, and job buffers. Use experienced EB-5 attorneys for Source of Funds.
- **Financial Risk (Loss of Capital):** Conduct thorough due diligence on capital structure, developer experience, exit strategy, and independent reviews.
- **Project Selection:** Prioritize established regional centers with successful exits. Visit sites if possible.
- **Redeployment:** Ensure compliant reinvestment options if project exits early.
- **General:** Only invest what you can afford to risk. Work with FINRA-registered advisors.

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Chapter 9: Who Should Apply? Targeting Global Investors

Ideal for entrepreneurs and high-net-worth individuals from high-demand regions (China, India, Vietnam, Latin America, Europe) facing visa backlogs elsewhere. Rural TEA projects offer the fastest, most affordable, and backlog-free path in 2026—especially valuable for Chinese and Indian applicants.



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Final Thoughts and Next Steps

The EB-5 program offers a powerful, direct route to U.S. residency and potential citizenship when executed correctly. Focus on TEA/regional center projects at the \$800K tier, robust job creation, thorough source-of-funds documentation, and set-aside visas to minimize risks and backlogs.

Action Steps:

- Consult a USCIS-recognized EB-5 immigration attorney immediately (SOF preparation takes time).
- Engage financial/due diligence experts.
- Review current projects via reputable regional centers.
- Monitor the monthly Visa Bulletin and USCIS processing times.