

Citi[®] Agency and Trust – Escrow Services for EB-5 Immigrant Investor Programs

Citi Agency and Trust has proven experience in providing Escrow Agent services that can simplify and centralize the transaction flows that accompany the complex processing requirements of Regional Centers approved by the USCIS. By drawing on our market expertise, Regional Centers can expect an efficient and streamlined solution that will help minimize costs, mitigate risks and provide greater transparency.

The EB-5 program

The EB-5 visa for Immigrant Investors was created by the Immigration Act of 1990 to stimulate economic activity and job growth while allowing eligible aliens the opportunity to become lawful permanent residents of the United States.

Interest in the EB-5 program has grown dramatically, with the number of immigrants willing to invest \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 in exchange for a visa increasing significantly in the past year. Immigrants who can demonstrate that their investment has created or preserved at least ten U.S. jobs are ultimately eligible, along with their spouses and children, to obtain permanent legal residency.

Immigrants can choose to open their own businesses or invest in a public or private Regional Center certified by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The minimum investment required is \$1,000,000, but that amount can be reduced to \$500,000 by investing in designated Target Employment Areas.

Comprehensive service offering

Escrow Agent services help streamline the process of receiving and safekeeping immigrant investments, thereby allowing Regional Centers the freedom to focus on identifying and structuring projects that will be best suited to accomplish the goals of the EB-5 program.

As Escrow Agent, Citi Agency and Trust can receive the funds from applicants to the EB-5 Immigrant Investor program on behalf of Regional Centers.

The funds remain in escrow until the Form I-526 Petition is approved by the USCIS.

Citi Agency and Trust also offers a suite of additional support services to serve the needs of Regional Centers, including collateral agency, third-party loan administration and account bank services.

Benefits at a Glance

- Highly experienced and dedicated account managers tailor solutions that deliver premier service and customer satisfaction
- Globally recognized brand providing scale and expertise across financial markets
- Availability of a standard escrow agreement helps facilitate a fast and efficient closing while keeping legal expenses down
- Online account viewing capabilities
- Comprehensive collateral agency, third-party loan administration and account bank services are available



Issuer Services

About Citi Issuer Services

Issuer Services is a part of Citi Institutional Client Group that supports the issuance and administrative needs of global institutional clients through two key business segments, namely Agency and Trust and Depositary Receipt Services. We are a leading provider of transactional services with a unique blend of experience, global reach and superior services. Our Agency and Trust business administers in excess of USD 4 trillion in fixed income and equity investments on behalf of over 2,500 clients worldwide. Our Depositary Receipt Services supports over 250 programs and helps companies connect to new markets and raise capital worldwide.

Agency and Trust

Agency and Trust is a leading provider of corporate trust services. We offer a full range of agency, fiduciary, tender and exchange, loans agency and custody, and depositary and escrow services in both established and emerging markets.

Agency and Trust also offers comprehensive Onshore and Offshore Collateral Agent and Accounts Bank services if needed to service the project or loan facility. Clients are able to draw on Citi's local and global market expertise and infrastructure, our culture of innovative thinking and century-long track record in the business.

About Citi

Citi, the leading global financial services company, has approximately 200 million customer accounts and does business in more than 160 countries and jurisdictions. Citi provides consumers, corporations, governments and institutions with a broad range of financial products and services, including consumer banking and credit, corporate and investment banking, securities brokerage, transaction services, and wealth management.

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