

USCIS a Form I-829, "Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions." 8 CFR 216.6(a)(1). Failure to timely submit Form I-829 or to obtain a removal of conditions may result in termination of conditional resident status and USCIS taking action to place the alien and accompanying dependents in removal proceedings. 8 CFR 216.6(a)(5).

B. Filing Locations

The regulations provide that EB-5 petitions (Forms I-526 and I-829) must be filed with the service center having jurisdiction over the area in which the new commercial enterprise is or will be principally doing business. 8 CFR 204.6(b); 8 CFR 216.6(a)(2). Currently, the Texas and California Service Centers have jurisdiction to adjudicate EB-5 I-526 and I-829 petitions. 63 FR 67135 (Dec. 4, 1998). EB-5-related Forms I-485 must be filed at Texas Service Center (TSC), regardless of where the alien resides. See Instructions to Form I-485, p. 6.

For proposals submitted by regional centers under the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program, the regulations provide that proposals must be submitted to the "Assistant Commissioner for Adjudications," a position held at the Headquarters of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). However, this position was rendered obsolete following the abolishment of INS in March 2003. See 6 U.S.C. 291; Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296, 116 Stat. 2135 (Nov. 25, 2002). No parallel position is present in USCIS. In the absence of further guidance, regional centers wishing to participate in the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program have been submitting their proposals to the Chief of Service Center Operations.

In an effort to improve the consistency and timeliness of EB-5-related adjudications, USCIS has determined that it is necessary to consolidate such adjudications under the jurisdiction of the CSC. USCIS has established a unit at the CSC comprised of specially-trained adjudicators dedicated to EB-5 adjudications. The deciding official will be the Director of the CSC. By consolidating adjudications at the CSC, USCIS believes that it will be able to reduce overall processing times and better monitor EB-5-related adjudications.

II. Filing Location Change

Beginning on January 26, 2009, Forms I-526, I-829, and I-485 (EB-5-related only), and regional center proposals under the Immigrant Investor Pilot

Program must be filed at the following address:

For Direct Mail:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, California Service Center, ATTN: EB-5 Processing Unit, P.O. Box 10526, Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-0526.

For non-United States Postal Service (USPS) deliveries (e.g. private couriers): U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, California Service Center, ATTN: EB-5 Processing Unit, 24000 Avila Road, Room, 2nd Floor, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677.

For a 30-day period, until February 9, 2009, Forms I-526, I-829, and I-485 (EB-5-related only) received by the TSC will be considered properly filed, assuming all other filing requirements have been met. The TSC will transfer such forms to the CSC for adjudication. Likewise, for a 30-day period, until February 9, 2009, Immigrant Investor Pilot Program regional center proposals received by USCIS Headquarters will be considered properly filed. Such proposals will be transferred to the CSC for adjudication. After the 30-day transition periods, any Forms I-526, I-829, and I-485 (EB-5-related only) or regional center proposals that are received at a location other than the address specified in this Notice will be rejected and returned with directions to re-file at the appropriate address.

Any Forms I-526, I-829, and I-485 (EB-5-related only) at the TSC for which no adjudicative action has commenced as of January 26, 2009 will be forwarded to the CSC. In addition, any regional center proposals for which no adjudicative action has commenced as of January 26, 2009 will be forwarded to the CSC.

III. Paperwork Reduction Act

USCIS is amending the instructions to the Forms I-485, I-526 and I-829 to reflect the new filing location. Accordingly, USCIS has submitted Information Correction Worksheets (OMB 83-C) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The instruction changes will not impose any new reporting or recordkeeping requirements. The OMB control number for these collections are contained in 8 CFR 299.5, Display of control numbers.

Dated: January 5, 2009.

Michael Aytes,

Acting Deputy Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5280-N-01]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 9, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: December 30, 2008.

Mark R. Johnston,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Mexican Wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*) Conservation Assessment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; draft conservation assessment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announce the