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USCIS Foreign Trade, Investor & Regional Center Program  
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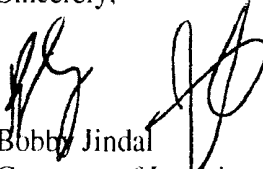
Re: State Agency Designation

Dear Ms. Velarde:

This letter responds to the comment letter dated August 1, 2008 of the U.S.C.I.S. with respect to the application of Gulf Coast Funds Management, LLC for approval of a two-state EB-5 regional center for the states of Mississippi and Louisiana. U.S.C.I.S. requested a letter from the respective Governors of Louisiana and Mississippi, on official letterhead identifying the agency of each state which has been named to determine and designate areas of high unemployment as Targeted Employment Areas.

Through this letter, I am identifying the Louisiana Workforce Commission as responsible for the determination and designation of areas of high unemployment as Target Employment Areas for the purposes of fulfilling this requirement for U.S.C.I.S. and the EB-5 Regional Center Program.

Sincerely,

  
Bobby Jindal  
Governor of Louisiana