

Global Immigration Partners Responds to Trump Administration's New 'Gold Card' Immigration Program

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[Immigration Partners](#), a leading U.S.-based immigration law firm, today commented on the Trump Administration's newly announced [Gold Card](#) framework—a donation-based immigration pathway that could reshape U.S. employment-based green card strategies.

The Executive Order, issued September 19, 2025, directs the Department of Commerce (DOC) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop procedures within 90 days for three new pathways: the Trump Gold Card, Corporate Gold Card, and the forthcoming Platinum Card (White House release).

Key Points of the Gold Card Framework

Not a New Visa Category: The Gold Card provides a new evidentiary standard for existing employment-based green card categories—EB-1A (Extraordinary Ability) and EB-2 National Interest Waiver (NIW).

Donation-Based Qualification:

Individuals: \$1 million nonrefundable donation to the U.S.

NEW DONATION-BASED U.S. IMMIGRATION PATHWAYS

TRUMP GOLD CARD CORPORATE GOLD CARD PLATINUM CARD

- \$1M DONATION = NEW PATH FOR EB-1A/EB-2 NIW GREEN CARDS
- CORPORATIONS: \$2M TO SPONSOR EMPLOYEES (TRANSFER RULES UNCLEAR)
- PLATINUM CARD: \$5M DONATION FOR UP TO 270 DAYS IN THE U.S. WITHOUT U.S. TAX ON FOREIGN INCOME

Corporations: \$2 million donation to sponsor an employee (transferability rules still unclear).

Visa Quotas Still Apply: Applicants from countries like India and China may still face multi-year backlogs.

Platinum Card Preview: A separate Platinum Card will require a \$5 million donation and may allow up to 270 days in the U.S. annually without U.S. tax on foreign income—pending implementation guidance.

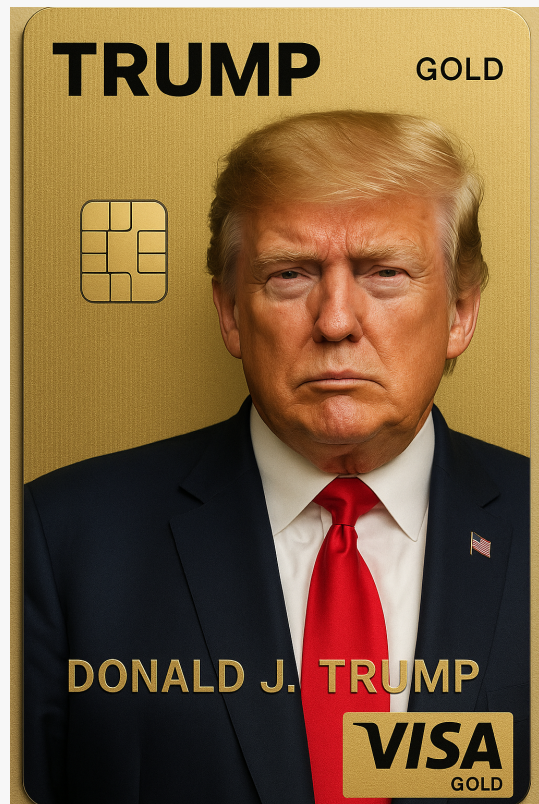
[EB-5](#) Unchanged: While the Executive Order mentions considering EB-5 visas for Gold Card eligibility, EB-5 has not been replaced.

“While the Gold Card program opens intriguing possibilities for high-net-worth individuals and employers, it is not yet operational,” said the Managing Partner at Global Immigration Partners. “Applicants should not make commitments until DHS and DOC release full procedures and eligibility criteria.”

Global Immigration Partners will continue monitoring developments and provide strategic guidance to clients considering donation-based options alongside traditional visa categories like EB-5 or H-1B.

About Global Immigration Partners

Global Immigration Partners is a Washington, D.C.-based immigration law firm specialising in investment migration, employment-based immigration, and global mobility solutions. Our attorneys advise individuals, corporations, and investors worldwide on navigating complex U.S. immigration pathways.



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A graphic titled "Latest EB-5 Visa Insights" with the date "June 2025". It features a photograph of a smiling family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) in front of a city skyline. Below the photo is a white box containing four bullet points with icons: a document icon for "Visa Bulletin Update", a line graph icon for "Visa Issuance & Backlog", a warning triangle icon for "Legislative Watch", and a scale icon for "Program Integrity & Investor Protection". The Global Immigration Partners PLLC logo is in the bottom right corner.

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June 2025

- Visa Bulletin Update:** No changes for Reserved EB-5; Unreserved dates unchanged
- Visa Issuance & Backlog:** 149 % MoM jump in Reserved visas
- Legislative Watch:** "Golden Visa" proposal generating buzz
- Program Integrity & Investor Protection:** Focus on TEAs, regional centers

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