

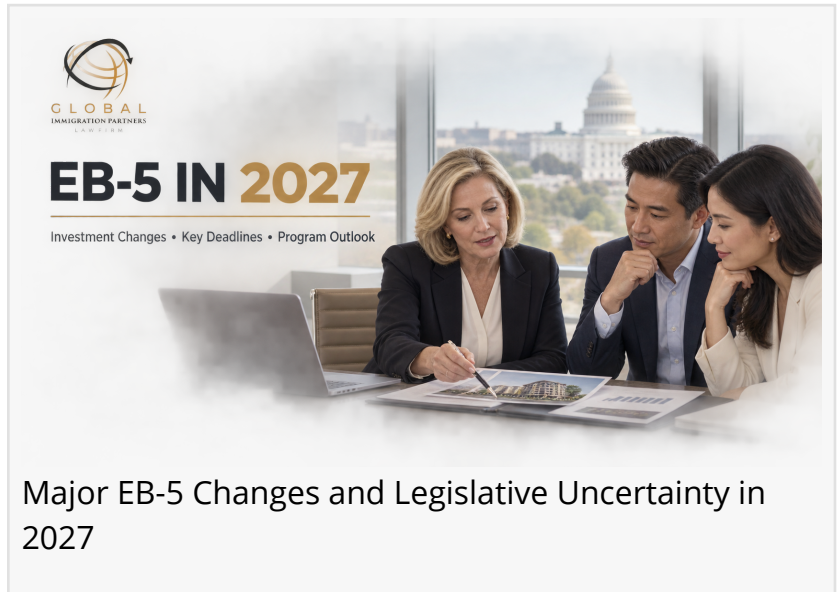
Global Immigration Partners Forecasts Major EB-5 Changes and Legislative Uncertainty in 2027

Law firm highlights the September 2026 grandfathering deadline, January investment adjustment and September 2027 Regional Center Program sunset

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Immigration Partners PLLC is advising prospective immigrant investors to prepare for a pivotal period in the [EB-5](#) Immigrant Investor Program, as three separate deadlines could materially affect filing strategy, investment requirements and the long-term future of the Regional Center Program.



The law firm expects 2027 to bring higher minimum investment requirements, greater scrutiny of filing dates, increased pressure on visa availability and renewed congressional debate over the future structure of EB-5.

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The three principal dates are:

September 30, 2026: the statutory grandfathering deadline for qualifying regional center petitions;

January 1, 2027: the scheduled date for inflation-linked adjustments to EB-5 minimum investment amounts; and

September 30, 2027: the current expiration date of the EB-5 Regional Center Program.

Global Immigration Partners emphasized that EB-5 is not currently scheduled to end in January 2027. Instead, January is important because the investment thresholds established under the EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act of 2022 are scheduled to be adjusted for inflation.

The current minimum investment is \$800,000 for qualifying targeted employment area and infrastructure investments and \$1,050,000 for other [EB-5 investments](#). The precise adjusted amounts will depend on the statutory calculation and official government implementation.

“There is understandable confusion about what happens to EB-5 in January 2027,” said Alexander Jovy, co-Managing Partner of Global Immigration Partners PLLC. “The program is not scheduled to terminate in January. The expected January development is an inflation-linked adjustment to the investment amounts. The separate legislative deadline for the Regional Center Program is September 30, 2027.”

September 2026 Grandfathering Deadline

Under the Reform and Integrity Act, qualifying regional center investors who file Form I-526E petitions on or before September 30, 2026 receive important statutory protection if the Regional Center Program later expires.

This grandfathering protection does not guarantee approval, immediate visa availability or protection from ordinary adjudication requirements. Investors must still establish eligibility, document the lawful source and path of their funds, make the required at-risk investment and satisfy the applicable job-creation requirements.

Its principal benefit is continuity. Qualifying petitions filed by the deadline should continue to be adjudicated even if Congress later allows the Regional Center Program to lapse.

Investors may continue filing after September 30, 2026 because the Regional Center Program is currently authorized through September 30, 2027. However, post-deadline filings will not carry the same statutory grandfathering protection and could therefore be exposed to greater uncertainty if reauthorization is delayed or the program is substantially changed.

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“The September 2026 deadline should not be confused with the expiration of the program,” Jovy said. “It marks the end of a specific statutory protection. Investors who file later may still qualify for EB-5, but their position could be more uncertain as the September 2027 sunset approaches.”

[EB-5 Outlook for 2027](#)

Global Immigration Partners expects several themes to shape EB-5 during 2027.

First, inflation-linked investment increases may encourage prospective investors to advance their planning and filings before the new thresholds take effect. Investors should not assume that merely signing project documents or transferring funds will necessarily secure the current investment amount; the applicable rules and filing requirements must be reviewed carefully.

Second, the distinction between protected pre-September 2026 petitions and later filings is likely to become increasingly significant as congressional negotiations develop.

Third, visa availability may become more challenging. Demand from high-volume countries could lead to the establishment or movement of cut-off dates in reserved and unreserved EB-5 categories. An approved I-526E petition does not guarantee that an immigrant visa will be immediately available, and waiting times can be affected by an investor’s country of birth, priority date and petition category.

Fourth, USCIS is expected to continue emphasizing compliance and integrity. Regional center oversight, promoter disclosures, fund administration, job-creation methodology, project documentation and the lawful source and path of investment funds are likely to remain central adjudication issues.

Finally, 2027 is expected to bring an active debate over reauthorization. Congress could extend the Regional Center Program without major changes, adopt targeted amendments, attach the program to broader legislation or allow negotiations to continue close to the deadline. A temporary lapse remains possible if lawmakers do not act in time.



What Happens if Congress Does Not Renew the Program?

If Congress takes no action, the Regional Center Program's current authorization is scheduled to end after September 30, 2027. This would not necessarily eliminate the direct EB-5 category, which has a different statutory basis and generally requires the investor's enterprise to create qualifying jobs directly.

Regional center investors who properly filed by September 30, 2026 would have the strongest statutory protection against a future lapse. Investors filing after that date could face uncertainty unless Congress provides new transition protections or the government adopts a legally sustainable policy for pending cases.

Global Immigration Partners cautioned that investors should not respond to the deadlines by rushing into unsuitable projects or submitting incomplete petitions. Immigration eligibility and investment risk are separate considerations, and EB-5 capital must remain at risk. Independent financial and securities due diligence should therefore accompany immigration advice.

"The most likely 2027 picture is not the sudden disappearance of EB-5 in January," Jovy added. "It is a year of higher investment thresholds, increased attention to filing dates, potential visa pressures and serious negotiations over the program's future. Investors who begin their eligibility and source-of-funds planning early will be better positioned to make informed decisions."

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Global Immigration Partners PLLC is a U.S. immigration law firm headquartered in Washington, D.C., with an international presence supporting businesses, entrepreneurs, investors and families. The firm advises EB-5 investors on eligibility, lawful source and path of funds, project-related immigration matters, Form I-526E petitions, adjustment of status, consular processing and removal of conditions.

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