

An Investment in Citizenship

EB-5 & REGIONAL CENTERS

MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

- ✘ Five departments
- ✘ About 35 employees
- ✘ Economic Development District (EDD)
- ✘ 11 county 22 cities and service region
- ✘ 2 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)
- ✘ 500,000 regional population

EB-5: BACKGROUND

- ✘ Employment Based (Immigration)
- ✘ Visa program created under Immigration Act of 1990
- ✘ Expedites green cards for foreign nationals who make U.S. investment

ADVANTAGES OF EB-5 CENTER

- ✘ Win/Win for Investors, Investees, and the U.S.
 - + Investor gets “green cards” and permanent residency
 - + Investees get loans for development at below market rates
 - + Jobs are created in the U.S. thus stimulating the economy
 - + Examples of projects include, hotels, manufacturing and distribution facilities, infrastructure

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

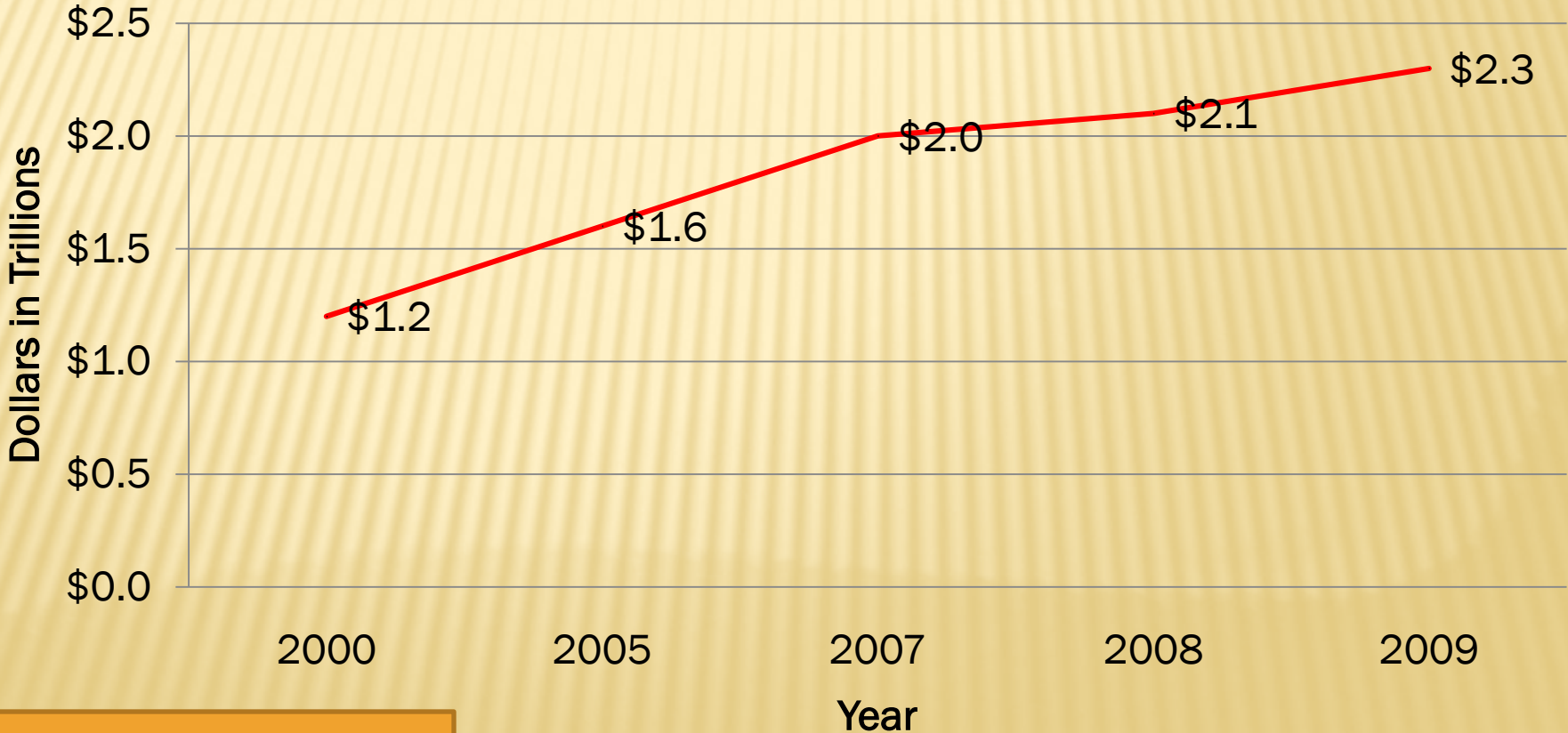
- ✘ Hotels
- ✘ Manufacturing
- ✘ Distribution Facilities
- ✘ Infrastructure
- ✘ Machinery

ADVANCED CITIZENSHIP

- ✘ Financial Vetting - *lawfully earned the requisite investment*
- ✘ Background Check
 - + Family history
- ✘ 3-5 Year Timeframe for Citizenship

FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Foreign Direct Investment



Source U.S. Census Bureau

CAPITAL INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS

- ✘ Minimum threshold is \$500,000 investment in a **regional center**
- ✘ The minimum qualifying investment either within a high-unemployment area or rural area
 - + A **targeted employment** area is an area that, at the time of investment, is a rural area or an area experiencing unemployment of at least 150 percent of the national average rate.
 - + A **rural area** is any area outside a metropolitan statistical area or outside the boundary of any city or town having a population of 20,000 or more according to the decennial census.

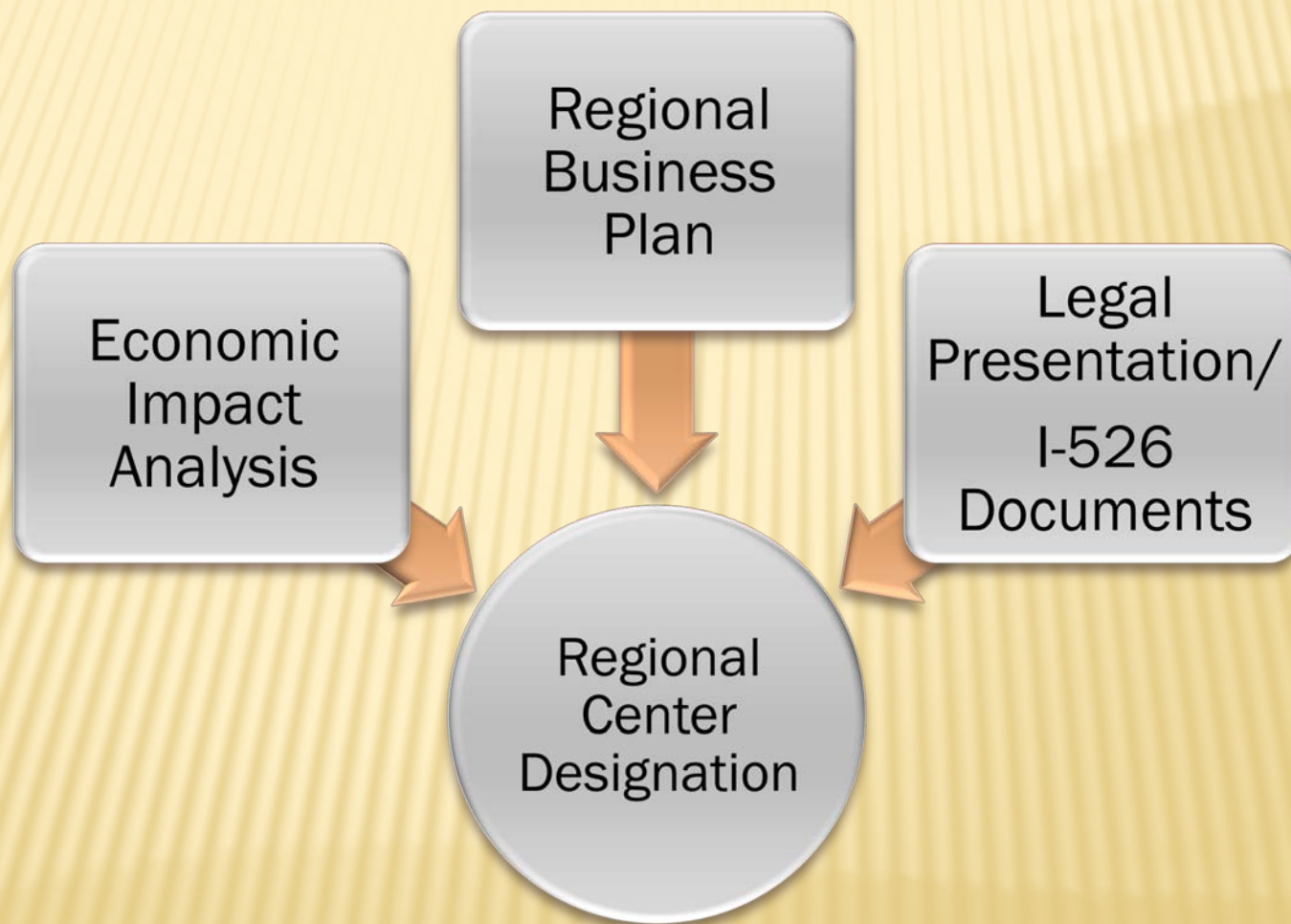
JOB CREATION REQUIREMENTS

- ✘ Create or preserve at least 10 full-time jobs
- ✘ Job Creation within two years (or under certain circumstances, within a reasonable time after the two-year period)
- ✘ Jobs must be direct or indirect
 - + *Indirect only count for regional centers*

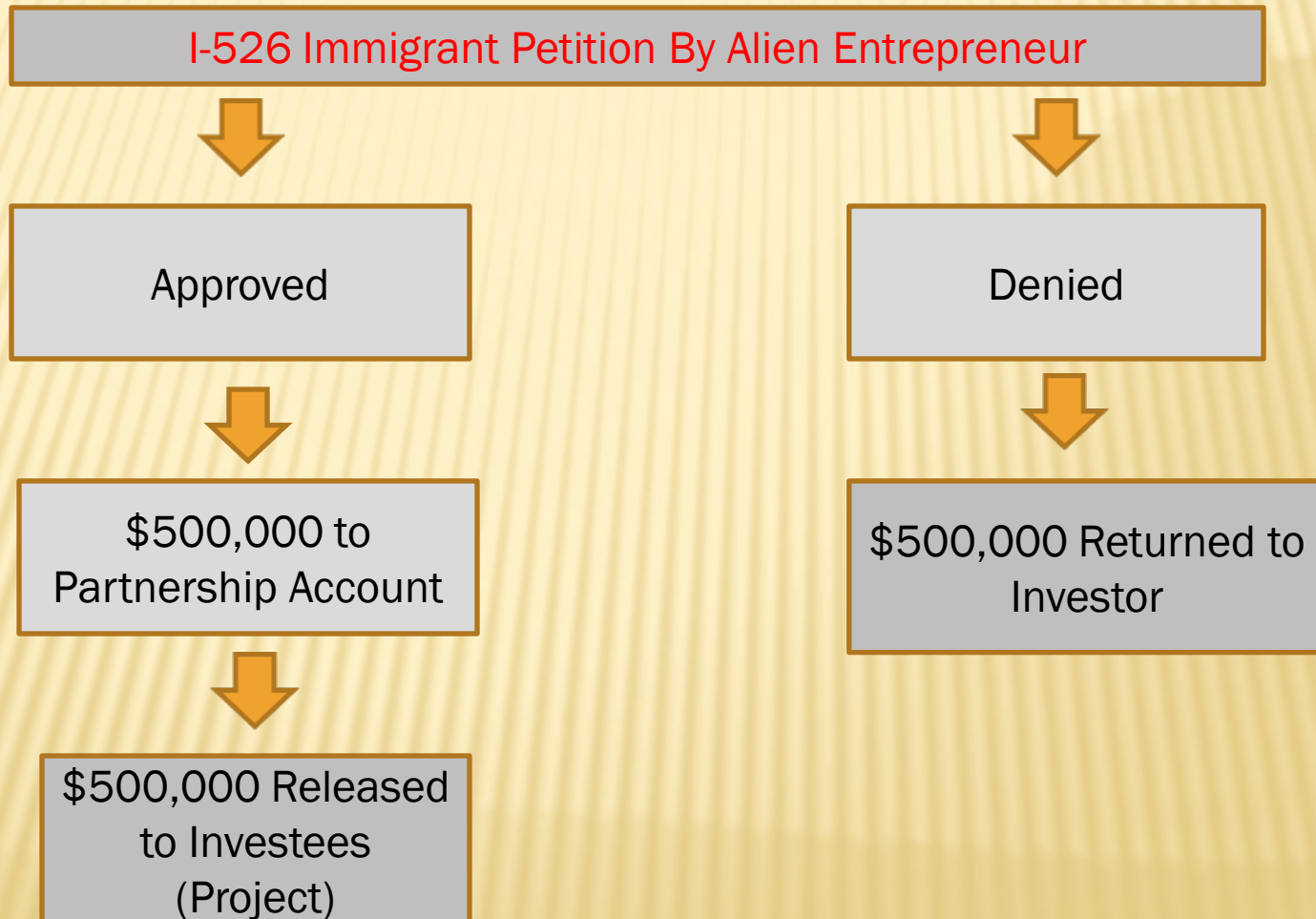
REGIONAL CENTERS

- ✘ What is a Regional Center?
 - + Focuses on a specific geographic area within the U.S. and seeks to promote economic growth through increased export sales and productivity.
- ✘ The investment could only be received by an economic unit defined as a Regional Center.
- ✘ Designated by United States Citizen Immigration Services (USCIS).

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL CENTER DESIGNATION



PROCESS AFTER REGIONAL CENTER DESIGNATION



INVESTMENT AND RECRUITMENT

Who Applies for
Regional Center
designation?

Who is going to recruit
program participants ?

Who pays who?

MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL CENTER PROCESS

Middle Georgia
Regional
Commission
Contracts with
GADC

GADC Recruits

GADC paid by the
individual
securing Visa

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