



August 12, 2011

Portland Development Commission  
 Attn: Peter Englander  
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Dear Peter:

Pursuant to Section 204.6(i) of Title 8, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), the Oregon Business Development Department (Business Oregon) has been delegated the authority to certify high unemployment areas in Oregon for purposes of the EB-5 Immigrant Investor program, administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. A high unemployment area is defined by 8 CFR 204.6 (e) and (i) as an area that is part of a metropolitan statistical area (MSA) with at least 150 percent of the national unemployment rate at the time of investment.

The methodology used by Business Oregon to calculate unemployment rates for small geographic areas or political subdivisions located within MSAs or cities of 20,000 or more in Oregon, such as Census tracts and block groups, is based on the Census-share method. A full explanation of the methodology can be found on Business Oregon's website at: <http://www.oregon4biz.com/The-Oregon-Advantage/EB-5/>.

To currently qualify as a high unemployment area in Oregon, the unemployment rate must be equal to or greater than 14.4 percent, which represented 150 percent of the U.S. unemployment rate in 2010.

Per your request on August 8, 2011, I am certifying the contiguous area of Census tracts and block groups in the City of Portland, listed in Table 1, as a high unemployment area in Oregon, and thus, designating it a Targeted Employment Area (TEA) for the purposes of the EB-5 Immigrant Investor program.

The areas in Table 1 had an unemployment rate of 14.4 percent in 2010 using the Census-share method.

**Table 1 – Definition of area calculated for certification as high unemployment area**

Geography Identifiers (FIPS, Census tract, block group)					
41051000300	41051000400	41051000500	41051000700	41051001100	41051002100
41051002200	41051002300	41051003300	41051003300	41051003400	41051003400
41051003600	41051004000	41051004200	41051005100	41051005200	41051005300
41051005400	41051008000	41051008300	41051008500	41051008600	41051009200
410510001003	410510005013	410510006011	410510006012	410510006021	410510006022
410510008012	410510008022	410510008024	410510009023	410510010004	410510017011
410510017015	410510017017	410510018014	410510020004	410510020005	410510024014
410510029014	410510029023	410510029024	410510035023	410510036022	410510036024
410510037011	410510038031	410510038034	410510039011	410510040014	410510041013

410510041014	410510056002	410510056003	410510075001	410510078001	410510082023
410510087001	410510087003	410510088003	410510089022	410510090003	410510092023
410510093011	410510093012	410510097011	410510097021	410510097023	410510002001
410510002004	410510003024	410510005014	410510006013	410510006014	410510006023
410510006024	410510008014	410510008021	410510009021	410510009022	410510010002
410510010003	410510011021	410510014004	410510014005	410510016011	410510016023
410510017014	410510017016	410510017021	410510017022	410510017023	410510018013
410510019001	410510020001	410510020002	410510022021	410510023021	410510024021
410510024022	410510024023	410510027021	410510027022	410510028023	410510029032
410510029034	410510031001	410510032002	410510035011	410510035012	410510035013
410510035021	410510037012	410510037013	410510037014	410510037022	410510037023
410510038011	410510038012	410510038013	410510038021	410510038022	410510038032
410510038033	410510039012	410510039013	410510039014	410510039015	410510039022
410510040011	410510040012	410510040013	410510041011	410510041021	410510041023
410510041024	410510043001	410510044001	410510045001	410510047002	410510048002
410510049001	410510050001	410510055001	410510056001	410510057001	410510059001
410510059002	410510059004	410510072021	410510073001	410510074001	410510075003
410510076001	410510077001	410510077002	410510079001	410510080012	410510081001
410510081002	410510081003	410510081004	410510082011	410510082024	410510083021
410510083022	410510084001	410510084002	410510089013	410510089021	410510092022
410510093022	410510094001	410510095023	410510097024	410510102001	

This designation shall be in effect until Business Oregon publishes new unemployment estimate data for calendar year 2011, at which time any updated TEA designations will be published on Business Oregon's website, [www.Oregon4Biz.com](http://www.Oregon4Biz.com).

Sincerely,



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Attachment (TEA map by PDC)