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Policy Alert

SUBJECT: Supporting Evidence for International Entrepreneur Parole

Purpose

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the [USCIS Policy Manual](#) regarding the types of evidence that may support an application for a discretionary grant of international entrepreneur parole.

Background

The International Entrepreneur Rule¹ provides a framework for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to use its parole authority to grant a period of authorized stay, on a case-by-case basis, to noncitizen entrepreneurs who would provide a significant public benefit through their startup entity's potential for rapid growth and job creation. If granted parole, the entrepreneur is authorized to work for their startup entity incident to their parole; the entrepreneur's spouse, if also granted parole, may apply for employment authorization to work in the United States.

Based on USCIS' experience gained from adjudicating applications under this relatively new program, USCIS is now incorporating into the Policy Manual additional examples of evidence that may support an Application for Entrepreneur Parole ([Form I-941](#)).²

This guidance, contained in Volume 3 of the Policy Manual, is effective immediately and applies to requests pending or filed on or after the publication date. The guidance contained in the Policy Manual is controlling and supersedes any related prior guidance.

Policy Highlights

- Provides guidance and examples of evidence for two thresholds: the applicant's central and active role in the start-up entity and the applicant's position, based on skills and experience, to substantially assist with the start-up entity's growth and success.

¹ See [82 FR 5238](#) (Jan. 17, 2017).

² USCIS has already incorporated these examples on the [International Entrepreneur Rule](#) webpage.

- Expands on the types of evidence that can demonstrate investment, government awards or grants, as well as the types of alternative evidence that an applicant may submit.
- Clarifies the types of evidence that can support a finding of significant public benefit.

Summary of Changes

Volume 3 > Part G > Chapter 3, Documentation and Evidence

- Revises Section A (Entrepreneur) in its entirety and adds new Subsection 3 (The Applicant is Well-Positioned to Substantially Assist with the Start-up Entity’s Growth and Success).
- Revises first paragraph and bulleted list in Section B (Start-up Entity) and revises Section D (Significant Public Benefit) throughout.

Volume 3 > Part G > Chapter 3 > Section C, Qualified Investment, Award, or Grant

- Revises italicized subheading “Receipt of the Investment” in Subsection 1 (Investment Option) throughout, revises the bulleted list in Subsection 2 (Government Award or Grant Option), and revises Subsection 3 (Alternative Evidence Option) throughout.

USCIS may also make other minor technical, stylistic, and conforming changes consistent with this update.

Citation

Volume 3: Humanitarian Protection and Parole, Part G, International Entrepreneur Parole, Chapter 3, Documentation and Evidence [[3 USCIS-PM G.3](#)].