

**News Release**

**Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins in Beijing to Promote Economic Development in Dallas**



L-R: Dan Healy, CEO Civitas Capital Group; DC Judge Clay Jenkins

**Dallas, Texas – July 2, 2013** – Judge Jenkins traveled to Beijing Friday with Civitas Capital Group CEO Dan Healy to speak with Chinese investors about opportunities to make EB-5 investments in Dallas, promoting the City of Dallas Regional Center (CDRC)’s excellent track record and Dallas’s favorable business climate.

Civitas Capital Group is the exclusive manager of the CDRC, a unique public-private partnership with the City of Dallas. The CDRC has successfully raised more than \$250 million in foreign direct investment for Dallas projects in the last three years. EB-5 investors invest at least \$500,000 in a project that will create a minimum of ten American jobs per investor. Provided these requirements are met and the investor completes a stringent background investigation, the investor receives permanent U.S. residency.

The short weekend trip marks Judge Jenkins’ second visit to the Far East since taking office in 2011. "Dallas County is diverse and thriving, but we compete in a global economy. Access to flexible foreign investment has been one of the many important tools we’ve used to rebound from the recession better than just about anywhere else," said Jenkins.

Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings said, "I am pleased that the CDRC is playing such a key role in bringing economic development to fruition. I thank my friend, County Judge Clay Jenkins, for his support for the CDRC."

Civitas CEO Dan Healy said, "The active support of the public sector is a key factor that makes the CDRC different from any other regional center, as shown by the demand we’ve seen for this project from EB-5 investors all over the world. We thoroughly enjoyed hosting Judge Jenkins on this trip. It was a great example of our public-private partnership in action, and I look forward to future collaborations."

**About Civitas Capital Group**

For investors seeking a more progressive and objective evaluation of the options available, Civitas Capital Group is an independent specialty asset management and financial services firm with operating divisions focused on Alternative Investments, EB-5 Funds and Wealth Management. Civitas evaluates the truth that lies at the core of every investment. We dig deeper, using a rigorous process to evaluate investment opportunities from every angle.

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**About the City of Dallas Regional Center**

The City of Dallas Regional Center is the official EB-5 regional center of the City of Dallas. In a unique public-private partnership, the City collaborates with Civitas Capital Management to provide the highest quality EB-5 investment opportunities to investors around the world. The CDRC takes full advantage of the City of Dallas’ pro-business culture, steady growth and job creation, all of which have made the City and the surrounding region a magnet for corporate headquarters, business expansion and foreign trade.

[cdrc.us](http://cdrc.us)

**About Dallas County**

Dallas County is a 21<sup>st</sup> Century mosaic of cultures and socio-economic diversity and with a population of nearly 2.5 million people and 26 cities, is the ninth largest county in the nation. The County Judge is the highest elected county official and serves as chief executive, administrative and presiding officer of the Commissioners Court. The Commissioners Court administrates county government: sets the County tax rate, adopts the budget, appoints boards and commissions, approves grants and personnel actions and sets the tax rate for the hospital district to provide acute medical care for residents who would not otherwise receive it.

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