



Idaho Eagle Forum

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Dear Idaho State Legislator,

Idaho Eagle Forum is very distressed about the direction Governor Butch Otter is moving in regards to seeking Chinese foreign investments in Idaho.

On December 31, 2010, there was an article in the Idaho Statesman titled "Chinese Company Eyes Boise". Here are a few quotes from the article.

- A Chinese national company is interested in developing a 10,000- to 30,000-acre technology zone for industry, retail centers and homes south of the Boise Airport.
- The technology zone proposal follows a model of science, technology and industrial parks in China often fully contained cities with all services included.
- Officials of the China National Machinery Industry Corp. have broached the idea based on a concept popular in China today to city and state leaders.
- The long-term proposal would start with a manufacturing and warehouse zone tied to the airport
- The proposal could get a boost from this year's voter-approved constitutional amendment that allows the airport to borrow money to build facilities that can be leased to companies on a long-term basis. The airport commission also has the authority to grant long-term leases and landing rights to air carriers, including those from China.
- Sinomach is China's third-largest contractor, with more than \$14 billion in sales last year. It has been active in more than 130 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Russia and Eastern Europe as general contractor for large infrastructure and building projects.
- Sinomach executives told Southeast Idaho Energy, which is planning to build a \$2 billion fertilizer plant in Power County, they want the contract for engineering, procurement and construction. Their access to financing is their deal sweetener.
- Southeast Idaho Energy hopes to turn coal into gas to produce nitrogen fertilizer and sulfur. The company expects to hire 700 to 1,000 people during construction with 150 permanent workers.

Idaho Eagle Forum became aware and has been researching both Governor Butch Otter's involvement with the Communist Chinese and the development of the "The CORE" in Meridian, which although was not mentioned by name in the December article of the Statesman, is without doubt the technology zone at issue. Our investigation transcends the borders of Idaho because similar technology zones have been built in other areas and they are not what they are marketed to be.

There are too many complex issues to list in a letter but after extensive research, it appears to us that the economic development is a subterfuge for what really is a scam to sell American citizenship via the EB-5 visas. The result will be a foreign invasion that will not benefit Idaho or the citizens of Idaho now or into the future.

"The CORE" is an intermodal commerce zone as defined by Title 70, Chapter 22 in Idaho law. It is managed by a "regional authority" and it has been designed as an EB-5 Regional Center. According to Brenda Sherwood, the Meridian Economic Development Specialist, they were considering filing an application to have the area declared a "Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ)" that effectively makes the zone "foreign soil" – not subject to local laws.

The "regional authority" is independent and receives their funding from the sale of EB-5 visas, which are in effect the sale of American citizenship. The following slide is from a Powerpoint presentation titled, "Idaho's EB-5 Regional Center: A Platform for Project 60 Success".



Referring back to the December article where they say, "A Chinese national company is interested in developing a 10,000- to 30,000-acre technology zone for industry, retail centers and homes south of the Boise Airport". When you combine that with a foreign trade zone designation and landing rights at the airport for flights from China, what you have is a potential landing zone for mass immigration of Chinese into a zone that you can't control.

Idaho Eagle Forum is asking our state legislators to stop the plans for the Communist Chinese to set up businesses or investing in businesses in Idaho. We see this as a national security issue and we are asking you to establish a special investigative committee to look into the legislation that allowed this Trojan Horse system to be established and to look at the subversive activities of all the people and organizations involved.

It should be noted that Chinese corporations are government owned and operated. One of the corporations mentioned in the December article is Sinomach. Sinomach has an organization chart posted on their website indicating government ownership and one of the boxes on the chart identifies Communist Party of China (CPC) officials in the top leadership row of the chart. This is what Butch Otter is bringing to Idaho.

Sincerely,

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