

# SAMPLE BUDGET AND TIMELINE

Professional Required	Activity	Expense Estimate	Timeline	Variables
Tax Accountant or lawyer	Tax Planning	\$1,000 - \$10,000	10-90 days	Complexity of ownership; funding structure; plans for return of capital; location of foreign investor; Transfer Pricing Issues
Specialized Lawyer	Treaty Research (if necessary)	\$5,000- \$10,000	10-30 days	
Corporate Lawyer	Corporate Formation for Single Member Entity	\$3,000-\$5,000	10 days	May include other services if it is a simple project such as the basic tax planning, CTA, etc. Filing fees at the state level cost around \$500 and have to be paid in each state where company does business.
Outsourced Filing Agency/Registered Agent	Filing Certificate of Formation or Qualification and retention of corporate registered agent	\$1,500-\$2,000	N/A	Filing fees at the state level cost around \$500 and have to be paid in each state where company does business.
Corporate & Tax Lawyers	Corporate Formation and Documentation for Joint Venture	\$10,000-\$25,000	45-180 days	Multi-party entities must negotiate and document complex company agreements requiring time and money.
Lawyer	CTA Compliance	\$150-\$500 per entity	5 days	First entity filing is more expensive. Should be less expensive for multiple entities owned by related parties.
Banker	KYC and Bank Account set up	\$0	10-30 days	Similar to CTA in disclosures.
Accountant	FEIN, State Tax Licenses, Employment Tax	\$1,000 per entity	10-20 days	Should be done right after formation and before bank account or payroll
Accountant	Initial Tax books set up	\$1,000 per entity		
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Immigration Attorney	Basic planning for Key Principal not immigrating	\$2,000-\$5,000	60-180 days (or more)	Visa process for visiting principal from a treaty country is relatively simple
Immigration Attorney	Basic planning for Key Principal immigrating	\$5,000 - \$25,000	60-180 days (or more)	Many options exist. Requires extensive interviews and government applications.
Immigration Attorney	Basic planning for senior management staff moving to U.S.	\$5,000	60-180 days (or more)	
Broker	Obtain license for export from U.S.	\$500-\$1,500	10-30 days	
Broker	Obtain license to import into U.S.	\$500-\$1,500	10-30 days	
Trade Lawyer	Specialized Import Issues	\$500 - \$800/hour	Depends	Depends on the issues
Business Compliance Services through Accountant	Bookkeeping	Fixed Fee or Hourly Services. Prices vary based on complexity.	N/A	
Tax Accountant	File Annual Tax Returns: Federal and State	\$3,000-\$20,000		Transfer Pricing, Multi-state filings, E-commerce, Real Estate Transactions, and Other variables make the annual fees difficult to predict
Outsourced Payroll	Payment, withholding, and reporting payroll and other compensation	\$200-\$300 per employee per year	N/A	