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Driving Economic Stimulus Through Innovation

Did you know....

A Significant Percentage of H-1B Visa Applications for 2010 Will be for Professionals Educated at U.S. Universities and Already Working in America

A significant number of H-1B visas sought by Compete America member companies are for foreign nationals who received advanced degrees from U.S. universities and who, in most cases, are already working for companies. In fact:

- Over 55% of respondents to a recent American Council on International Personnel survey said that more than 75% of their advanced degree H-1B visa filings for fiscal year 2010 are for U.S. graduates who are currently working in their companies in the Optional Practical Training program.

It is completely counterproductive to educate highly educated, foreign-born individuals, train them in our companies and then release them to competitor nations at a time when we need to lay the groundwork for economic growth.

Highly educated workers have been at the forefront of economic growth and job creation in America, and they will continue to be the driving force behind America's bold new initiatives in energy, health care and education.

To learn more about highly educated immigration, visit www.competeamerica.org.

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