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***It's About Innovation:
Fact of the Week***

The H-1B Lottery Countdown Continues

New Study Confirms Importance of Highly Educated Workers ...

So Why Are We Playing Games with America's Innovation Future?

According to a new study from the National Foundation for American Policy (NFAP), major U.S. technology companies currently average more than 470 high-skilled job openings each while U.S. defense firms average 1,265 openings in skilled positions.

Facts don't lie – America's innovation economy is in dire need of skilled professionals if we are to stay competitive and keep jobs in the United States.

Now is the time to reform the employment-based visa system, not throw these highly sought-after professionals into a government-run lottery system. But that's exactly what will happen on April 1, 2008 when the 2009 cap on H-1B visas for highly educated foreign-born professionals is expected to be hit on the very first day that U.S. employers can even file for them.

America can't leave its innovation leadership to chance!

***The H-1B visa and EB green card systems
must be reformed this year.***

To read the NFAP report, click here. To learn more about highly educated immigration, visit www.competeamerica.org.

Compete America (www.competeamerica.org) is a coalition of corporations, educators, research institutions and trade associations concerned about legal, employment-based immigration and committed to ensuring that the United States has the highly educated workforce necessary to ensure continued innovation, job creation and leadership in a worldwide economy.

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