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It's About Innovation: Fact of the Week

After Educating Foreign-Born, Highly Educated Professionals, America Must Keep Them

Did you know ...

At U.S. universities in 2007, foreign nationals accounted for:

- **Nearly 40 percent of all master's graduates in engineering**
- **60 percent of all Ph.D. graduates in engineering**
- **Nearly 50 percent of all master's graduates in electrical engineering**
- **70 percent of all Ph.D. graduates in electrical engineering**

U.S. companies rely on H-1B visas and EB green cards to recruit and retain these highly educated foreign professionals after they have graduated from the U.S. educational system.

It's counterproductive to educate them and then shut them out of the U.S. job market – often times forcing them to go abroad and compete against us.

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

For state-by-state engineering graduate data and 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.