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***It's About Innovation***

**Fact of the Week**

**Highly Educated Immigrants Awarded Nobel Prize**

***Did you know ...***

Highly educated immigrants have a long history of contributing to our country. Three of this year's Nobel Prize winners are foreign nationals who now live and work in the United States:

- **Leonid Hurwicz – Born in Russia;** Professor at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN; Awarded the 2007 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences.
- **Oliver Smithies – Born in Great Britain;** Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Awarded the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.
- **Mario R. Capecchi – Born in Italy;** Received a PhD in Biophysics from Harvard University; Professor of Human Genetics and Biology at the University of Utah; Awarded the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

**America cannot continue to turn away some of the world's brightest minds because of arbitrarily low H-1B visa caps and insufficient EB green card numbers.**

**Congress must modernize the immigration system for foreign-born, highly educated professionals to meet our nation's workforce demands in the 21st century.**

To learn more about these and other highly educated professionals who are contributing to America, visit [www.competeamerica.org](http://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.*