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It's About Innovation

Fact of the Week

**New Report Finds U.S. Jobs and Innovation Being Driven
Offshore by Employment-Based Visa Restrictions**

Did you know ...

According to a new study from the National Foundation for American Policy (NFAP), U.S. technology companies, research labs and companies serving clients in a range of fields are being driven to pursue offshore employment alternatives due to current and proposed employment-based visa restrictions.

According to the report:

- The increasing demand for highly educated professionals throughout the U.S. economy and an increasing need to compete globally has created a demand for scientists, engineers and other professionals in the United States that cannot be filled by Americans alone.
- Further restricting the conditions under which companies obtain H-1B and L-1 visas for skilled foreign nationals, even in exchange for higher annual limits on H-1Bs, is likely to result in less innovation and job creation in the United States as companies hire more individuals abroad.
- A more sensible policy is to increase quotas for H-1B visas and employment-based green cards and to enforce existing laws already in place to protect the interests of U.S. workers.

Congress must act now to modernize the H-1B visa and EB green card systems to meet our nation's workforce demands in the 21st century.

To read the full report, visit <http://www.nfap.com/pdf/071206study.pdf>.

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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