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Fact of the Week

**It's That Time of Year Again –
Time to Play the H-1B Lottery**

Did you know ...

The 2009 cap on H-1B visas for highly educated foreign-born professionals will likely be hit on or near April 1, the very first day that U.S. employers can even file for them.

That means that all the applications received will go into a lottery, and highly educated professionals will be chosen at random to fill critical roles in our nation's innovation economy.

- Last year, the 2008 cap was hit on the same day applications were accepted – a record speed.
- Clearly, supply does not meet demand.
- Yet Congress has failed to reform the immigration system for highly educated workers to meet America's economic needs.

America can't leave its innovation leadership to chance!

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

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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