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It's About Innovation: Fact of the Week

Highly Educated Professionals Drive U.S. Innovation

Did you know...

America's ability to constantly create and innovate has helped keep it on the leading edge of worldwide scientific and technological discovery.

Helping to drive U.S. innovation are highly educated, foreign-born professionals.

- Foreign nationals and foreign residents contributed to more than half of the international patents filed by a number of large, multi-national companies, including Qualcomm (72 percent), Merck & Co. (65 percent), General Electric (64 percent), Siemens (63 percent) and Cisco (60 percent).

U.S. employers rely on the EB green card and H-1B visa systems to hire and retain top world talent. But the systems are broken, which puts U.S. innovation at risk.

Congress Must Enact Reforms to the EB Green Card and H-1B Visa Systems 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.