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## USCIS Receives Record High H-1B Petitions

USICS received a record high number of H-1B petitions for the Fiscal Year 2017. USCIS reports that it received over 236,000 cap case H-1B petitions between April 1-7 of this year.

On April 9, USCIS ran a computer generated random selection (lottery) process to select 65,000 of the general cap based cases and 20,000 U.S. master's degree cap cases. All other petitions will be returned along with the filing fees.

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## DHS Launches Known Employer Pilot Program

Under the Known Employer pilot, up to nine preselected employers will file applications requesting that USCIS predetermine that they meet certain requirements relating to certain immigrant and nonimmigrant visa classifications. When making this request, employers will create a profile in the Web-based Known Employer Document Library (KEDL), and upload documents relating to the requirements. USCIS officers will review and predetermine whether a prospective employer has met certain requirements relating to the visa classifications, and if USCIS approves the employer's predetermination request, the employer may then file petitions or applications for individual employees without needing to resubmit company information with each petition or application.

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## Growing U.S. Economy needs MORE Skilled Immigrant Workers

Contrary to political rhetoric and popular misconceptions, report shows that high-skill immigration helps the U.S. create not just jobs, but good jobs.

The report also cites a Brookings Institution study that shows that H-1B workers typically earn as much or more than their U.S. worker counterparts.

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The Supreme Court Decision on DACA and DAPA: SCOTUS is expected to hear arguments on the case in April and deliver a decision by the end of June 2016. If the court approves the executive action that will give Pres. Obama about 6 months to enact the executive action, which could be overturned by the next president in 2017.

USCIS Publishes new N-400 Naturalization Form. USCIS will accept the 9/13/13 edition until August 9, 2016. On or after August 10, 2016 only the new 3/26/16 edition will be accepted.

2 Tier System of Filing Adjustment of Status applications

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