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Current Developments in Employment-Based Immigration

Dear Julie,

This is the latest installment in our efforts to keep you apprised of the rapidly changing U.S. immigration environment. Some of the most recent changes could have a serious impact on you or your employees, and we urge you to communicate these changes to interested parties.

**FISCAL YEAR 2013 H-1B CAP
COUNT MOVING QUICKLY**

USCIS has begun accepting H-1B petitions for fiscal year 2013 for start dates of October 1, 2012 or later. H-1Bs are available on a fiscal year basis with an annual limit of 65,000 with 20,000 extra H-1B's available to individuals who have U.S. Master's degrees. To date, more than 75% of the available H-1Bs have already been used. At this rate, Rosner Partners is predicting that the number of available of H-1Bs may run out by the end of June 2012. Therefore, employers with new hires who are impacted by the H-1B cap count should contact Rosner Partners as soon as possible to begin the H-1B preparation process.

Cap Type	Cap Amount	Cap Eligible Petitions	Date of Last Count
H-1B Regular Cap	65,000	48,400	05/25/2012
H-1B Master's Degree Exemption	20,000	17,500	05/25/2012

I-129 RECEIPT DELAYS

Due to a high volume of I-129 applications, USCIS recently announced that employers may experience a delay in receipt notice delivery. Typically, I-129 receipt notices are sent out within 4 weeks of submission of the application, however, USCIS has advised that currently receipts may take six to eight weeks to be issued.

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Please note that Chinese and Indian nationals in the EB-2 category are currently unable to adjust status as no visas are currently available.

Employment-Based	All Charge-ability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1st	C	C	C	C	C
2nd	C	U	U	C	C
3rd	08JUNE06	08AUG05	15SEP02	08JUNE06	22MAY06
Other Workers*	08JUNE06	22APR03	15SEP02	08JUNE06	22MAY06
4th	C	C	C	C	C
Certain Religious Workers	C	C	C	C	C
5th Targeted Employment Areas/Regional Centers and Pilot Programs	C	C	C	C	C

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