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Sarasota Immigration Firm Prepares for Work Visa Shortage

High Demand in Other Parts of Country Increases Difficulty for Local Employers Who Seek Highly Skilled Workers from Abroad

Sarasota, FL 1/13/2014: The New Year brings new opportunities and local employers are beginning to determine their staffing needs for 2015. Sometimes, when an employer needs a very specialized skill-set, some find that the right candidate is from abroad.

In order to bring highly skilled foreign workers from abroad to work in the Sarasota-Bradenton area employers need to secure an H-1B visa. Often connoted with information technology workers, the H-1B visa can be used for highly skilled/educated foreign workers in any field, including healthcare, science and athletics. Employers can apply in April for fiscal year 2015 which begins on October 1, 2014.

Demand for the H-1B visa is high and there is an arbitrary cap of 65,000 visas allotted each fiscal year. Last year, employers around the country filed approximately 124,000 petitions in the first week of the application period alone, according to the [USCIS website](#). With almost twice as many applications as visas in such a short period of time, the government decided to close the application window. USCIS held a lottery with the petitions it had received to determine who would be granted an H-1B.

Victoria Jaensch Karins is the Chair of the Central Florida Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and a member of Jaensch Immigration Law Firm. She is familiar with the plight that local employers face when attempting to get an H-1B. “Even some of our most prominent area employers have a hard time obtaining an H-1B visa to bring in the staff they need,” she reported. Miss Karins believes that the H-1B cap will be reached within a week again this year, triggering another uncertain lottery. “This year we expect the cap to be reached in the first week of April again,” she said, “so employers need to begin preparing for filing now,” she added. She urges local employers to make their hiring decisions and contact a qualified immigration attorney to begin the H-1B application process as soon as possible.

Local employers who wish to bring in working talent from abroad face an uncertain process in the H-1B visa. However, by planning and preparing ahead, some of our local employers may be able to retain the skilled foreign employees they need and increase the diversity and prosperity of our region in the process.

About Jaensch Immigration Law Firm: The law firm was established in Sarasota in 1984 and provides a wide range of immigration legal services to students, investors, entrepreneurs, professional and skilled workers, athletes, coaches, aliens with extraordinary and exceptional credentials and more. The law firm is comprised of five immigration lawyers, Peter J. Jaensch, P. Christopher Jaensch, Victoria Jaensch Karins, and Kevin Runyan. The main website of Jaensch Immigration Law Firm is www.VisaAmerica.com. For more information contact marketing coordinator, Michael Marquet, at 941-366-9841 or send email to mmarquet@VisaAmerica.com.



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