

Top 10 H-1B visa companies all specialize in shipping American jobs overseas

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The Top 10 users of H-1B visas in FY 2012 were companies who specialize in shipping American jobs offshore, according to an analysis of government data by Computerworld magazine.

The analysis comes at a time when a bill before Congress, the "Immigration Innovation Act," would expand the H-1B visa program from 85,000 [visas](#) to more than 400,000 annually.

In "[The data shows: Top H-1B users are offshore outsourcers](#)," Computerworld found that, "Based on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data analyzed, the major beneficiaries of the proposed increase in the cap would be pure offshore [outsourcing firms](#)."

"This confirms that H-1B visas facilitate the transfer of high-skill, high-paying American [jobs](#) to other countries," IEEE-USA President Marc Apter said. "Congress should pass laws that create U.S. jobs, not destroy them."

Dr. Ron Hira, a professor of public policy at the Rochester Institute of Technology, commented on the analysis in a [blog entry](#) for the Economic Policy Institute:

"There are two reasons these firms hire H-1Bs instead of Americans: 1) an H-1B worker can legally be paid less than a U.S. worker in the same occupation and locality; and 2) the H-1B worker learns the job and then

rotates back to the home country and takes the work with him. That's why the H-1B was dubbed the "Outsourcing Visa" by the former Commerce Minister of India, KamalNath.

"Rather than keeping jobs from leaving our shores, the H-1B does the opposite, by facilitating offshoring and providing employers with cheap, temporary labor—while reducing job opportunities for American high-tech workers in the process."

The Top 10 H-1B users received 40,170 H-1B visas in FY 2012 and applied for just 1,167 employment-based (EB) [green cards](#). This is an immigration yield of 2.9 percent.

IEEE-USA supports additional EB green cards for skilled [immigrants](#). These visas allow immigrants to start their own companies and create U.S. wealth and jobs.

"Any plan to increase skilled immigration should be based on green cards," Apter said.

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