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**H-1 B VISA NUMBERS
STILL AVAILABLE**

On April 17, 2009, USCIS updated the number of H1-B petitions received and counted towards the H-1B cap on their website. As of this date, they have received approximately 44,000 H-1B regular cap-subject petitions and approximately 20,000 advanced degree petitions. Please note that once the advanced degree cap of

20,000 is reached, these advance degree petitions are put in the regular H-1B pool.

What all this means is that if you are still considering filing an H-1B petition for employment that will begin on October 1, 2009 under the H-1B category, filing quickly may still enable you to obtain one of the approximately 20,000 remaining H-1B visa numbers. Once the cap is reached, the USCIS will

continue to accept a limited number of petitions to account for potential denials, withdrawals, and revocations and will conduct a lottery of those petitions received on the last day of filing.

Please contact us immediately if you are considering filing an H-1B petition or if you have any questions.