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## Fiscal Year 2013 H-1B Quota Reached

On Tuesday, June 12, 2012, United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that as of Monday, June 11, 2012 it had received sufficient H-1B petitions to meet the regular H-1B quota (or "cap") for Fiscal Year 2013, which will begin on October 1, 2012 and end on September 30, 2013. USCIS also announced that it has received sufficient H-1B petitions to meet the Master's H-1B cap. Both H-1B caps have now been reached.

As a result, USCIS will reject cap-subject petitions received after Monday, June 11 for new H-1B workers seeking an employment start date in Fiscal Year 2013. Based on previous USCIS policy, we expect that USCIS will apply a computer-generated random selection process to all cap-subject petitions that USCIS received on June 11. If that is the case, USCIS should provide lottery results by late June.

For additional background information on the H-1B visa program and the cap, please visit our previous One Minute Memo: *"H-1B Work Permit Filings: Will You Beat the Cap?"*

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