

Workers Thrilled, Employers Underwhelmed by Skilled Immigration Changes



Waits for work-based permanent residence could become easier – if not any shorter – under recent Obama administration changes overshadowed by more controversial steps for immigrants without legal status, reports the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*.

But employers in Minnesota and elsewhere say the changes don't do enough to meet their demand for more work visas and green cards for college-educated professionals.

"Talent shortages, particularly in the high-tech industry, have been the focus of intense debate and dueling research findings for years," the *Star Tribune* says. "Administration critics have pounced on Obama's changes to accuse him of kowtowing to business interests."

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