WHY THE REFUGEE WORKFORCE IS THE BEST KEPT SECRET FOR THE U.S. ECONOMY:

1. 100% of all refugees resettled in the U.S. are legal to work within days of arrival. Refugees are vetted more extensively than any other arrivals to the United States.

2. There are nearly 7.5 million open jobs in the US. Meanwhile, approximately 3 out of every 4 refugees who enter the United States are prime-working age and desire to work.

3. As manufacturing demand increases, experts predict the industry will need to fill an estimated 4.6 million positions by 2028, or risk losing $454 billion in value. One out of every five refugees who enter the United States fills a job in the manufacturing industry.

4. In 2015, refugees resettled in the US earned a collective $77 billion in income, contributing $21 billion in taxes.

5. 73% percent of US businesses employing refugees reported a higher retention rate for refugees than for other employees.

6. At a time when U.S. workers are failing drug tests at “shocking” rates, the largest refugee employer in Atlanta says 100% of refugee applicants over the past 4 years have passed their mandatory drug test.

7. 13 percent of refugees were entrepreneurs in 2015, compared to just 11.5 percent of non-refugee immigrants and 9.0 percent of the U.S.-born population. In 2015, over 181,000 refugee entrepreneurs generated $4.6 billion in business income, providing jobs, goods, and services for thousands of Americans.


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