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**This Immigration Update<sup>®</sup> from FosterQuan, LLP contains important information regarding the following:**

**BLANKET L-1 VISA APPLICATIONS IN INDIA WILL BE CONSOLIDATED IN CHENNAI**

The U.S. Department of State's Mission in India has announced that all L-1 visa applications based on a company's approved Blanket L petition will be consolidated with the U.S. Consulate General in Chennai. Beginning December 1, 2011, all applicants for L-1 visas under an approved Blanket L petition must apply with the U.S. Consulate in Chennai. The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and other U.S. Consular posts in India will no longer accept L-1 visa applications under the Blanket L program.

Family members ordinarily need not travel to Chennai. An L-1 visa holder's spouse and children may apply for L-2 visas at other posts in India following the principal's L-1 visa issuance in Chennai.

Additionally, the consolidation with Chennai of L-1 visa applications under the Blanket L program does not impact other types of L-1 visa applications. L-1 visa applications based on individual L-1 petitions, for which there is a separate Approval Notice for each individual beneficiary, may still be filed with other posts throughout India.

As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor changes in consular procedures and administrative jurisdictions and will make future updates available via future Immigration Updates<sup>®</sup> and on our firm's [website](#).