

**Number #1  
for Business**

**Texas is America's Top**

State for Business in 2008

CNBC, July 2008

**No. 1 exporting U.S. state for  
seven-straight years**

WISERTrade, February 2009

**2008 Gold Shovel Recipient**

Area Development, June/July

2008

**Best State in which  
to do Business**

Chief Executive Magazine,

January 2009

**Texas Ranks # 1 on Fortune's 500 and  
1000 Lists**

Texas ranks No. 1 on the 2009 Fortune 500 and 1000 lists for the second year in a row. The state has seen unprecedented growth by company headquarters over the last year, spurred in part by its pro-business climate. Texas is home to the most Fortune 500 companies headquartered in state with 64 companies, up from 58 in 2008 and the most Fortune 1000 companies headquartered in state with 118 companies, up from 113 in 2008. (For the full listing, click [here](#))

**Texas Maintains Strong Lead in Wind  
Energy**

Two more may states have joined the "gigawatt club," according to the first-quarter report from the American Wind Energy Association — but Texas remains firmly in the lead. Texas' 7.907 gigawatts is more than twice that of second-place Iowa, which has 2.883. Alternative energy darling California, with 2.653 gigawatts, is third on the list. Texas also is on track to exceed the 8 gigawatt mark. After completing another portion of the Roscoe project in Central Texas — the largest wind energy project in the nation — EON Climate & Renewables North America's total generation has hit 584.5 megawatts. The next 197-MW phase, scheduled for completion soon, should push Texas over the 8 gigawatt mark. (read full story [here](#))

**ETF Recipient Announces 53 Percent Staff  
Increase**

Syndiant, which received a \$3.5 million investment from the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (ETF) in March, has announced that it has increased its staff by 53 percent due to explosive demand for its pico

projector technology, according to Electronics World.

The ETF investment was for commercialization of its smart panel projection display technology, VueG8, which uses chip on chip parallel processing to enable the world's smallest high resolution light modulators. The technology enhances the pico

projector market for cell phones, personal computers and accessory products. (read the full story [here](#))

### **Forth Worth Area Announces 500 New Jobs**

Q-Edge, a growing company in the North American electronics assembly and distribution industry, has selected the Alliance Global Logistics Hub in Fort Worth as the site of its newest strategic assembly and distribution center.

The company will lease 365,440 square feet from Hillwood in the Alliance Gateway 2 building, subject to the Fort Worth City Council's approval of the proposed incentive package. Q-Edge's investment in Fort Worth is expected to bring up to 500 jobs and result in an economic impact of more than \$700 million for the region. (read the full story [here](#))

### **Amarillo Ranks No. 4 as One of the Best Cities in the Country for New Jobs**

In a recent edition of Forbes magazine, Amarillo ranked fourth as one of the best cities in the country for new jobs this spring. With the diverse make-up of businesses like Pantex, Bell Helicopter, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Pacific Cheese and the medical district, the city of Amarillo is performing well in the current economy. (read the full story [here](#))

### **Recent Awards**

- According to consulting firm FDI Intelligence, in 2008, Texas ranked #2 nationally for FDI investment with \$7 billion invested into Texas. Texas also ranked #4 for total FDI-related projects and new jobs created in 2008. (FDI Intelligence, April 2009)
- fDi Magazine's North American Cities of the Future issue included several Texas' rankings:

### **Houston -**

- No. 1 Major Cities: Top Five Best Business Friendliness
- No. 2 Major Cities: Top Five Best FDI Strategy
- No. 3 Major Cities of the Future 2009/10
- No. 4 Major Cities: Top Five Best Infrastructure
- No. 5 Major Cities: Top Five Best Economic Potential
- No. 5 Major Cities: Top Five Best Human Resources

### **Austin -**

- No. 2 Large Cities of the Future 2009/10
- No. 2 Large Cities: Top Five Best FDI Strategy
- No. 2 Large Cities: Top Five Best Business Friendliness
- No. 3 Large Cities: Top Five Best Economic Potential
- No. 3 Large Cities: Top Five Best Human Resources

### **Dallas -**

- No. 9 Major Cities of The Future 2009/10

## **Brownsville -**

- No. 1 Small Cities: Top Five Best Cost Effectiveness

For more Texas awards and honors, click [here](#).

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