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**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

Gov. Perry Announces \$6 Million Investment in Medtronic Diabetes

Gov. Rick Perry announced the state will invest \$6 million through the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) in Medtronic Inc. to open a new facility for its diabetes business unit in San Antonio, creating nearly 1,400 new jobs and generating more than \$23 million in capital investment.

"By expanding their diabetes division in San Antonio, I believe that Medtronic is sending a clear message that the core strength of Texas' economy, built on our low taxes, fair legal system and predictable regulatory climate make the Lone Star State the best place to live, work and raise a family," Gov. Perry said. "(To read more, click [here](#))

Emerging Technology Fund Invests \$250,000 to Commercialize Robotic Control Technology

Gov. Rick Perry has announced the state will invest \$250,000 through the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (ETF) in Agile Planet Inc. for the commercialization of their RobotLogix universal operating software.

"As innovative technologies change the way we live and work, we must find ways to advance our progress by adapting to the challenges raised by these technologies," Gov. Perry said. (To read more, click [here](#).)

Texas Leads in Job Stimulus Creation

A recent report from the U.S. House of Representatives' Transportation and Infrastructure Committee shows that Texas has created more than 700 jobs as a result of funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Most of the jobs were related to transit projects. This numbers is expected to increase sharply when highway infrastructure and maintenance projects begin. The Texas Department of Transportation began letting stimulus projects in April and will soon put its \$1.7 billion allocation of ARRA funds to work. (For the full report, click [here](#).)

Recent Awards

- *Southern Business & Development* Magazine Winter 2009 issue included several Texas' rankings in the "Ten Top 10s" article:
 - **Ten Largest Capital Investments Made in the South in Calendar Year 2008**
 1. Luminant/Mitsubishi - Glen Rose, TX
 2. Exelon Corp. - Victoria, TX
 3. Tenaska Inc. - Sweetwater, TX
 4. Hunton Energy/Dow Freeport, TX
 5. Valero - Port Arthur, TX
 6. Conoco Phillips - Sweeny, TX
 10. Freeport LNG - Quintana, TX
 - **Top 10 Stories**
Texas's Gains Jobs
 - **Top 10 Legendary Southern Locations for Latin American Trade**
No. 2 - Houston, Texas
No. 3 - McAllen, Texas
 - **Top 10 Outstanding Logistics Parks in the South**
No. 1 - Fort Worth's Alliance
No. 3 - Dallas Logistics Hub
 - **Top 10 Deals**
No. 1 Caterpillar, Seguin, TX 1400 new jobs
No. 3 USAA, San Antonio, TX 1,000 new jobs

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

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