



## **No. 1 for Business**

**Texas is America's No. 1  
State for Economy**

CNBC, July 2009

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

WISERTrade, February 2009

**2009 Silver Shovel Recipient**

Area Development

June/July 2009

**Best State in which  
to do Business**

Chief Executive Magazine,

January 2009

## **August 2009**

### **Farouk Systems Creates 1,200 Jobs in Houston, Texas**

Gov. Rick Perry credited Texas' predictable regulatory climate, low taxes and skilled workforce with attracting jobs and companies from around the world. The governor spoke at a press conference announcing Farouk Systems' relocation of its manufacturing facility to Houston, creating more than 1,200 jobs and generating \$26 million in capital investment. The company is expected to create several thousand additional jobs within the next several years.

"When companies look at Texas, they're discovering that we've fostered an environment that encourages people to pursue their dreams, build businesses and create jobs," Gov. Perry said. (To read more, [click here.](#))

### **Grifols Inc. to Create 190 New Jobs in San Marcos, Texas**

Gov. Rick Perry announced the state will invest \$500,000 in Grifols Inc., through the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) to open a new facility for the company's plasma testing laboratory in San Marcos. The company will create 190 new jobs and generate more than \$76 million in capital investment.

"Now more than ever, companies are looking to Texas as the best state in the nation to live, work and raise a family because of our low taxes, reasonable and predictable regulatory environment and diverse and educated workforce," Gov. Perry said. (To read more, [click here.](#))

### **The Economist Magazine**

The July 11th print edition of *The Economist Magazine* featured a special section on Texas: The Lone Star Rising. The section touted Texas as the fastest-growing state in the U.S. and for its achieved successes such as low unemployment rates, a strong housing market and affordable living. (To read the full article, [click here.](#))

### **Two Texas Cities Named as 2009/10 North American Cities of the Future by FDI Magazine**

*FDI Magazine's* North American Cities of the Future 2009/10 list, which took more than six months to

research and involved the data collection on nearly 400 North American cities, ranked Houston (3) and Austin (5) in the top ten list of the North American cities of the future. Both cities were ranked based on six categories: economic potential, human resources, cost effectiveness, quality of life, infrastructure and business friendliness. (To read the full article, [click here](#).)

### **ETF Invests \$8.65 Million in Five San Antonio Companies**

Gov. Rick Perry announced the state will continue to cultivate its expanding technology sector through investments from the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (ETF) in five San Antonio area companies: Advitech Inc, America Stem Cell Inc., Bio2Medica, Enthuze and Pronucleotein.

"Texas is the best state in the nation to live, work and do business, and the ETF is helping supercharge our technology environment by bringing Texans' good ideas and hard work to the marketplace," Gov. Perry said. (To read the full article, [click here](#).)

### **National Review: Going Alamo: Why Jobs and Companies are Flocking to a Big Small-Government State - by Kevin D. Williamson**

If you want to know where the future is headed, look where the people are going. And if you want to know where the people are going, check with U-Haul. Here's an interesting indicator, first noted by the legendary economist Arthur Laffer: Renting a 26-foot U-Haul truck to go from Austin to San Francisco this July would cost you about \$900. Renting the same truck to go from San Francisco to Austin? About \$3,000. In the great balance of supply and demand, California has a large supply of people who are demanding to move to Texas. There's a reason for this. (To read the full article, [click here](#))

### **Recent Acknowledgements**

#### **Texas Cities Ranked as "Best Places to Live" by CNN Money**

Six Texas cities were ranked in the top 100 on CNN Money's "Best Places to Live" list. The cities listed were Keller (7), Mansfield (24), Friendswood (32), Schertz (39), Georgetown (45), and Hewitt (46). (To see the full rankings, [click here](#))

#### **Texas Cities Ranked in "Where the Jobs Are" list**

Four Texas cities were ranked in "Where the Jobs Are?" list by Indeed.com. The list ranked job postings per capita for the 50 most populous metropolitan areas in the United States. Texas metros ranked included: Austin (4) Dallas (20) San Antonio (23) and Houston (34). (For the full report, [click here](#).)

### **Recent Data**

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics has released a new report: Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment Summary. The new report indicated 15 metro areas had over-the-year increases in nonfarm payroll employment; four of the metros were located in Texas.

- The Texas metros with the largest over-the-year increases in employment occurred in Austin-Round Rock (+4,200), Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood and Odessa (+1,100 each).

- The Texas metros with the largest over-the-year percentage increase in employment were Odessa (+1.8 percent), Midland (+1.0 percent) and Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood (+0.9 percent).
- Over-the-year, nonfarm employment declined in 37 of the 38 metropolitan areas with annual average employment levels above 750,000 in 2008. Among the large areas, only one reported an increase in employment: Austin-Round Rock, Texas (+0.5 percent).

To read more on the U.S. Census report, click [here](#).

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