



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

September 2009

Toyota's Production Line Relocating to San Antonio

Aug. 27th - Gov. Rick Perry made the following statement regarding Toyota's announcement to relocate their Tacoma production line to San Antonio: "Today's announcement reflects the depth of the ties between Toyota and Texas while underscoring the strength of our state's workforce and job climate. Even in the midst of a national economic downturn, major employers continue to bring jobs and investment in Texas." (To read more, [click here.](#))

\$1 Million TEF Investment in McLane Advanced Technologies

Texas will invest \$1 million through the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) for the expansion and modernization of McLane Advanced Technologies facilities in Temple. The company will create 225 new jobs and \$9 million in capital investment. "Despite the national economic downturn, Texas stands out as a leader and 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.

McLane provides information, technology, logistic and business services to a variety of clients, including the U.S. Army. The company combines distribution experience with professionals from the military and private sectors to assist with logistical needs for the Department of Defense, and has modernized three of the Army's logistical systems. "We are very excited about helping to expand the Temple-area economy, and hope that companies looking for a new facility location will take a closer look at what Temple has to offer," said Drayton McLane Jr., owner of McLane Group and McLane Advanced Technologies. (To read more, [click here.](#))

Standard & Poor's Raises Texas' Credit Ratings to AA+

Standard & Poor's (S&P) has raised Texas' issuer credit and general obligation credit ratings to AA+ from AA based on the state's strong and diverse economy and strong leadership from the Governor

and Legislature that has left a projected \$9 billion in the state's Rainy Day Fund. S&P also raised its rating on the state's appropriation debt to AA from AA-. "The ratings continue to reflect our opinion of the state's large and steadily diversifying economy, which despite the recession continues to perform better than the nation in terms of both economic activity and employment," S&P credit analyst Horacio Aldrete-Sanchez said. (To read more, [click here](#).)

Second ETF Investment in Halsia Pharmaceuticals

Gov. Rick Perry announced the state will invest \$750,000 in Halsia Pharmaceuticals Inc. of Houston through the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (ETF). This investment follows a \$250,000 deal announced in March 2008, and will fund additional development of Halsia's treatment for obesity and diabetes.

"Obesity continues to threaten more than 10 million Texans' quality of life, and is closely associated with serious diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, stroke and cancer," Gov. Perry said. "This continued ETF investment will help Halsia further develop their groundbreaking treatment for this disease, and help save lives, prevent further health issues and control medical costs." (To read more, [click here](#).)

Recent Acknowledgements

Texas Ranks No. 2 on the 2009 Inc. 500 List

Texas has the second highest number of fastest-growing private companies located within the state on the 2009 Inc. 500 list. (To see the full rankings, [click here](#).)

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