

Texas Ranks #1 Among Corporate Real Estate Executives

For the 3rd year in a row, Texas ranked as the number one business climate in the nation in Site Selection's Executive Survey of Business Climate Rankings. Each September, Site Selection conducts a survey asking corporate decision-makers to rank their top 10 states for ease of doing business. Texas has topped that poll of more than 100 respondents. (To read the full article, [click here.](#))

Texas Metros Top Best Performing Cities Index According to Milken Institute

Several Texas metro areas have been ranked in the top spots of the 2009 Milken Institute/Greenstreet Real Estate Partners Best Performing cities index. The Lone Star State claimed four of the top five spots, including number one, and nine of the top 16 spots.

The 2009 top Texas performers (with 2008 rankings) of the 200 largest metros include:

1. Austin-Round Rock, TX (4)
2. Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood, TX (13)
4. McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX (7)
5. Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX (16)
11. San Antonio, TX (15)
12. Fort Worth-Arlington, TX (29)
13. Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX (23)
14. El Paso, TX (37)
16. Corpus Christi, TX (88)

To read the full Milken Institute Best Performing Cities Index, [click here.](#)

Gov. Perry Promotes Texas as Best State in the Nation for Business

Gov. Rick Perry credited Texas' favorable economic climate, low taxes, and educated and skilled workforce with strengthening the state's economy and attracting new jobs and businesses. The governor led a delegation of Texas business and community leaders to New York City to meet with site selectors and CEOs to promote Texas as the best state to relocate or expand a business.

"As the global economy continues to struggle, Texas stands out because of our strong principles of cutting taxes and spending, investing in job creation and strengthening our school system to groom the workforce of the future," Gov. Perry said. (To read more, [click here.](#) To watch the NASDAQ video, [click here.](#))

U.S. Renewable Energy Group, China's Shenyang Power Group and Cielo Wind Power to Develop a 600MW Wind Farm in West Texas

The U.S. Renewable Energy Group and Cielo Wind Power LP announced they have entered into joint venture agreement with China's Shenyang Power Group which sets out the framework to construct a 600MW wind farm across approximately 36,000 acres in Texas. The agreement marks the first time China and U.S. entities agree to jointly develop a utility-scale wind power project. It is also expected to be one of the largest wind farms in the U.S. (To read more, [click here.](#))

ETF Announces \$250,000 Investment in ActaCell Inc.

Gov. Rick Perry announced the state will invest \$250,000 in ActaCell Inc. through the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (ETF) for the development and commercialization of its next generation, high power, rechargeable lithium ion batteries for use in electric vehicles.

ActaCell's technology improves battery chemistry to provide longer lasting lithium ion batteries at a lower cost. These batteries are a safer and more efficient alternative for high power applications, such as electric cars, electric bikes and military vehicles, whose high operating temperatures quickly drain battery power.

"Texas is committed to investing in innovative, alternative energy solutions to help expand our energy portfolio and strengthen our economy," Gov. Perry said. (To read more, [click here.](#))

Texas Workforce Commission Invests \$1 Million to Expand Student Participation in Robotics Education Programs

Gov. Rick Perry was joined by Texas Workforce Commissioners and the Texas Education Commissioner to announce a \$1 million investment from the Texas Workforce Commission to expand statewide student participation in robotics education programs. The governor emphasized the importance of preparing young Texans to work in an increasingly competitive global economy by promoting programs that integrate science, technology, engineering and math into Texas classrooms. (To read more, [click here.](#))

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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