

**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

**Texas Ranked as a Top State for Entrepreneurs**

The Small Business and Entrepreneurial Council (SBE Council) has ranked Texas in the top three states for small business and entrepreneurship in their Small Business Survival Index 2009: Ranking the Policy Environment for Entrepreneurship Across the Nation. The index includes comparisons of state competitiveness based on factors including regulatory costs, government spending, property rights, health care and energy costs.

"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 the full article, [click here.](#))

**Texas Emerging Technology Fund (TEFT) Announces \$5.65 Million Investment in University and Two Texas Companies**

Gov. Rick Perry reiterated the importance of strengthening the state's emerging technology sectors and promoting partnerships between the public and private sectors through investments from the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (TEFT). The governor spoke at the University of Texas-Pan American where he announced TETF investments in the university and two area companies.

UT-Pan American is receiving \$3.4 million for the creation of its Rapid Response Manufacturing Center that will reduce the lead time in a product's life cycle between inception and delivery to the customer.

Photon8 Inc. is receiving \$250,000 for the development of its commercially viable algae bio-fuel technology. The company will use the award to genetically enhance the performance of the algae and advance its extraction technology.

ScanTech Sciences Inc. is receiving \$2 million for the development and commercialization of food sterilization technology that uses electronic pasteurization to ensure the safety and freshness of food. The technology will allow for safer import of food by removing more insects, bacteria and toxins without using chemicals. (To read more, [click here.](#))

**Gov. Perry Announces \$5 Million ETF Investment in Mirna Therapeutics Inc. for their Development and Commercialization of Cancer Treatment**

Gov. Rick Perry announced the state will invest \$5 million through the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (ETF) in Mirna Therapeutics Inc. for the development and commercialization of its biopharmaceutical research in micro ribonucleic acid (RNA) treatments for cancer.

"Texas' biotechnology industry is essential to developing products that can improve and save lives, and we are working to foster continued growth of this industry within the state," Gov. Perry said. (To read more, [click here.](#))

**Texas Unemployment Rate Down in November to 8.0**

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined to 8.0 percent in November, down from 8.3 percent in October, and continued to trend well below the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November at 10.0 percent. The Texas Civilian Labor Force reached its highest level ever at 12.1 million workers in November. (To read more, [click here.](#))

**Texas Has Three of the Top Military Construction Projects**

Ten of the largest upcoming military construction projects in the U.S. will be located in Texas. They are all in the planning stage and are mainly new projects, but may also involve additions and/or alterations.

**No. 1** - Lackland AFB Recruit Housing & Training Airman, District No. 2, San Antonio, Texas - \$63 Million Projected value

**No. 5** - Joint Guard & Reserve Center, Phase 2, Austin, Texas - \$43 Million Projected Value

**No. 10** - Lackland AFB Recruit Housing & Training Airman, District No. 1, San Antonio, Texas - \$24 Million Projected Value

(To see the full chart, [click here.](#))

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