

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

CEOs Rate Texas as the #1 State for Business For the Sixth Year in a Row

Texas has been ranked the top state for job growth and business development for the sixth year in a row in a survey of CEOs by Chief Executive Magazine.

"As CEOs have noted for the sixth year in a row, Texas continues to be a model for the nation as the best state to live and do business," Gov. Perry said. "This top ranking by Chief Executive Magazine proves that our low taxes, reasonable and predictable regulatory climate and skilled workforce have not gone unnoticed."

The survey asked 651 CEOs to rank each state based on three general categories: taxation and regulation, quality of workforce and living environment. States were then evaluated based on five subcategories and ranked by importance to the respondent. (To read more, [click here](#).)

Gov. Perry Announces Launch of TexasSiteSearch.com

Gov. Rick Perry announced the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism division is launching TexasSiteSearch.com, an interactive mapping tool and property database that helps facilitate business expansion and relocation in the state by combining powerful business location research in one location.

"Texas is the best state in the nation to live and do business thanks to our reasonable and predictable regulatory climate, low taxes and skilled workforce," Gov. Perry said.

"TexasSiteSearch.com shines a spotlight on the many assets the Lone Star State has to offer, and provides yet another tool to help attract businesses and jobs to the state." (To read more, [click here](#).)

Texas Employers Add 32,500 Jobs in April

Texas total nonagricultural employment grew for the fourth consecutive month gaining 32,500 jobs in April. Texas employers have added 79,000 jobs since the beginning of 2010. The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly to 8.3 percent in April, up from 8.2 percent in March, and continued to trend well below the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April of 9.9 percent. The Texas Civilian Labor Force grew by another 51,000 workers in April. More Texans are employed than ever before at 11.2 million workers.

"The employment results were mixed in Texas for the month of April. While the unemployment rate in our state increased from 8.2 percent to 8.3 percent, we did experience job growth in a number of industries," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. "Texas had employment gains in such sectors as Construction, Mining and Logging along with Manufacturing. (To read the full article, [click here](#).)

Mingyang to Site First US Wind Turbine Plant near Dallas

Mingyang Wind Power Industry Group has opened a Dallas marketing and sales office, and is searching for a turbine manufacturing plant site near the city that would be built once firm orders are on the books, the privately-owned Chinese company says.

The move is a further indication that China's turbine makers intend to vigorously compete for business in the North American market, which until now, has been dominated by European suppliers, General Electric and Mitsubishi of Japan.

Mingyang representatives at last week's American Wind Energy Association annual conference in Dallas told Recharge News that their company is committed to global expansion. Opening of the Dallas office is the first "operations center" outside China, they say. (To read more, [click here](#).)

Gov. Perry and First Lady to Lead Texas Economic Development and Tourism Delegation to China

Gov. Rick Perry and First Lady Anita Perry will lead a delegation of state, business and tourism leaders representing Texas at "Salute to Texas Week" June 13-19, at the Shanghai World Expo 2010. The expo will give participants the opportunity to further develop relationships in economic development and tourism, while providing a cultural exchange between China and Texas.

"Anita and I are pleased to lead a delegation to Shanghai to showcase the many economic development opportunities and tourist attractions our state has to offer," Gov. Perry said. "This unique opportunity will strengthen relationships with our foreign counterparts, and we are committed to ensuring this global expo translates into jobs, business investments and increased tourism for the Lone Star State." (To read more, [click here](#).)

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