

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

Facebook to Create 200 Jobs in Austin, Texas

Gov. Rick Perry announced on the Governor's Office Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/TexasGovernor>) that the state will invest \$1.4 million through the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) for Facebook to create a sales and operations office in Austin. This investment will create 200 jobs and more than \$3.1 million in capital investment. The TEF funding is conditioned upon the finalization of a local incentive agreement with the City of Austin.

"The TEF continues to be a critical, deal closing tool for Texas, helping to attract jobs and businesses and grow our state's diverse economy," Gov. Perry said. (To read the full article, [click here](#).)

Natura World to Open Manufacturing Facility In Wichita Falls

Gov. Rick Perry announced the state will invest \$1.5 million through the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) in Natura World for the opening of a manufacturing facility in Wichita Falls, TX that will serve as the company's U.S. headquarters. This investment will create 400 jobs for Texans and more than \$24.9 million in capital investment.

"The success of our state is built primarily on the efforts of hardworking Texans, combined with our low taxes, reasonable and predictable regulatory climate and skilled workforce, which continue to attract employers who know that they'll get the chance to succeed in Texas," Gov. Perry said. Read More (<http://governor.state.tx.us/news/press-release/14290/>)

SIPCO to Open Manufacturing Facility in Cuero, Texas

Gov. Rick Perry announced the state will invest \$300,000 through the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) in SIPCO for the opening of a manufacturing facility in Cuero. The investment will create more than 100 jobs for Texans and more than \$6 million in capital investment for this rural community.

"Job creation is our number one goal in Texas, and we work hard to preserve an economic climate where innovation is rewarded, and employers have the best chance to succeed," Gov. Perry said. (To read the full article, [click here](#).)

Allstate Insurance to Create 600 Jobs in San Antonio, Texas

Gov. Rick Perry announced the state will invest \$1.1 million through the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) in Allstate Insurance Co. for the opening of a bilingual customer information center in San Antonio. The company is committed to creating 200 jobs through the TEF investment, but anticipates generating up to 600 jobs and \$11 million in capital investment.

"Business leaders continue to look to Texas as the place they want to be, thanks to our combination of low taxes, fair legal system, predictable regulatory environment and quality workforce," Gov. Perry said. (To read more, [click here](#).)

LegalZoom to Move Up to 600 Jobs to Austin, Texas

Gov. Rick Perry announced the state will invest \$1 million through the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) in LegalZoom.com for the relocation of certain office functions from Los Angeles to Austin. This investment will create up to 600 jobs and more than \$11.7 million in capital investment.

"Texas is the best state in the nation for business, thanks to our low taxes, reasonable and predictable regulatory environment, skilled workforce, and incentives such as the TEF, which continues to be an essential deal closing fund for Texas," Gov. Perry said. (To read more, [click here](#).)

Gov. Perry Credits Texas Film Incentive Program with Creating Hundreds of Jobs for Texans

Gov. Rick Perry touted the Texas Film Incentive Program with helping attract nearly 900 jobs and more than \$5 million in capital investment to the state from the production of the HBO biopic Temple Grandin. The \$352,800 investment through the Texas Film Incentive Program in the production helped the state beat out film sites in Arizona and New Mexico.

"This production is a great example of the Texas Film Incentive Program at work, creating jobs for hundreds of Texans, attracting millions of dollars in capital investment to our state economy, and generating a significant return on our initial investment," Gov. Perry said. "This film tells a great story, and I'm proud to say it was filmed in the Lone Star State." (To read more, [click here](#).)

Texas is the Number One Exporting State for 8th Consecutive Year

Texas is the top exporting state in the nation for the eighth year in a row in 2009. Texas' exports totaled more than \$163 billion for 2009, with the top export recipients being Mexico, Canada, China, the Netherlands and Korea, which respectively imported \$56 billion, \$13.7 billion, \$8.9 billion, \$6 billion and \$5.3 billion in Texas-manufactured goods. Texas' top exporting industries in 2009 were computers and electronics, chemicals, machinery, petroleum and coal, and transportation equipment. (To read the full article, [click here](#).)

Edge Magazine Features Section on Texas's Gaming Industry

Edge Magazine, a magazine that focuses on game development, is featuring the Texas gaming industry in its "Region Specific" section. Texas is home to a new generation of game developers, from an astonishingly vibrant indie scene forged by new stars such as Newtoy, Twisted Pixel and Semi Secret Software, to the huge strides being made by more established companies such as Arkane Studios and Sony Online Entertainment. (To read the full article, [click here](#).)

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

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