

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 Rated 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.](#))

Kohl's to Create More than 1,000 Jobs in San Antonio

Gov. Rick Perry announced the state will invest \$750,000 through the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) in Kohl's Department Stores Inc. for the creation of a customer operations center in San Antonio. Kohl's is committed to creating 150 jobs through the TEF investment, but anticipates generating more than 1,000 jobs and \$18 million in capital investment.

"Companies across the nation are looking to Texas as the place to grow their business thanks to our low taxes, reasonable and predictable regulatory climate, skilled workforce, and incentives such as the Texas Enterprise Fund," Gov. Perry said. "This TEF investment in Kohl's will bring more than 1,000 jobs to San Antonio and further strengthen and diversify this vibrant community's economic environment." (To read the full article, [click here.](#))

Gov. Perry Celebrates Reopening of Honeywell Facility in Orange

Gov. Rick Perry joined employees, area residents and local leaders at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand reopening of the Honeywell Specialty Additives facility in Orange. The facility was severely damaged by Hurricane Ike in 2008.

"Today's opening is a celebration of the unbreakable human spirit and an example of the recovery that continues across this region," Gov. Perry said. "The restoration of this plant is a sign that Texas is still the place to be – it is still the best place to pursue dreams of economic success, and the best place to live, work and raise a family." (To read more, [click here.](#))

Emerging Technology Fund (TEFT) Announces \$250,000 Investment in Nanotailor, Inc.

Gov. Rick Perry announced the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (TETF) is investing \$250,000 in Nanotailor Inc., of Austin, for the commercialization of their single walled carbon nanotubes (SWNT).

"Texas continues to attract world class researchers and a wide variety of technology companies thanks to an environment that encourages innovation and investments from the Texas Emerging Technology Fund," Gov. Perry said. (To read the full article, [click here.](#))

Emerging Technology Fund (TEFT) Announces \$2 Million Investment in AgileMesh Inc.

Gov. Rick Perry announced the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (TETF) is investing \$2 million in AgileMesh Inc., of Richardson, for the commercialization and development of its specialized mesh-networking video surveillance technology.

"Through the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, Texas continues to support world class researchers and a wide variety of technology companies, encouraging innovation and helping keep Texas at the forefront of cutting-edge technology," Gov. Perry said. (To read more, [click here.](#))

Texas Named One of Best States for Small Business and Entrepreneurship

The Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council has ranked Texas as one of the best states for small business and entrepreneurs in their Business Tax Index 2010: Best to Worst State Tax Systems for Entrepreneurship and Small Business report. Texas is ranked second in the index based on the cost of the state tax system on small businesses.

"Here in the Lone Star State, we have developed an environment that encourages entrepreneurs to pursue their dreams of small business ownership, further strengthening our economy and creating jobs for Texans," Gov. Perry said. (To read more, [click here.](#))

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