



- **Texas**
- **Virginia**
- **West Virginia**

For four issues of *Southern Business & Development*, we are having some fun. It's the "Best of Economic Development in the American South," and each issue, beginning with Spring 2015, features three to five Southern states. You can use the results as a unique aid in your search for a suitable site for your business in the American South.



We continue with our series. . .

BEST OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMERICAN SOUTH

Since the spring 2015 issue, we have featured the best of economic development in three to five Southern states. You can use the results as a unique aid in your search for a suitable site for your business in the American South.

We polled the members of the Southern Economic Development Roundtable to come up with the best in 30 economic development categories in each Southern state. SEDR is a group of economic developers, educators, economists, site consultants and CEOs in the South that meet once a year in January at WaterColor in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. The meeting is an opportunity for 50 of the South's best economic development minds to discuss issues relative to economic development in the American South. A group photo of the 2015 SEDR class is published on this page.

There are 30 categories for each Southern state, and states will have some categories that pertain specifically to it, meaning not all of the categories are the same from state to state. The top three vote recipients for each category are recognized and

listed in alphabetical order. In the case of a tie, a fourth "winner" is listed. The winners are then followed by other items or organizations that received votes. Therefore, the first listed under each category is no "better" than the second or third listed.

This issue features the best of economic development in Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. The best of economic development in North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Tennessee was published in the fall issue. Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Missouri were featured in the summer issue and Alabama, Arkansas and Florida were featured in the spring issue. You can access those best state profiles by going to SB-D.com.

We think you will enjoy reading the results of the "Best of Economic Development in the American South." Again, this unique forum can help guide you and your business to a profitable place in the South, the fourth largest economy in the world.

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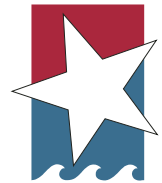
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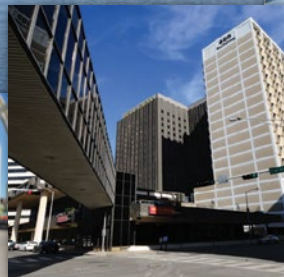
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Best of Economic Development in TEXAS

1. Texas' Best Economic Development Assets

- Abundant and affordable land
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- Right to work state

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Austin's information technology assets; Dallas-Fort Worth metro; Fortune 500 headquartered companies; Gulf Coast ports; Houston metro; Large population; Low workman's compensation rates; Oil & gas fields; Quality of life; Quality workforce; The Gulf Coast.

2. The Texas Economy's Most Important Employers

- AT&T
- ExxonMobil
- Texas A&M
- University of Texas at Austin

Also receiving votes: American Airlines; BASF; Chevron Phillips; Dell; Dow Chemical; Kinder Morgan; Lockheed Martin; MD Anderson Cancer Center; Raytheon; Royal Dutch Shell; Samsung; Southwest Airlines; Texas Instruments; USAA; U.S. Military.

3. Texas' Most Important New Employers

- Apple
- Caterpillar
- Cheniere Energy
- Toyota

Also receiving votes: Amazon; eBay; Electronic Arts; Facebook; GE Transportation; Google; Microsoft; Tianjin Pipe Company.

4. Texas' Most Admired Companies

- Bell Helicopter
- Dell
- Lockheed Martin
- USAA

Also receiving votes: HEB; Toyota; Valero.

5. Texas' Most Admired Manufacturers

- Apple
- Caterpillar
- Toyota

Also receiving votes: Bell Helicopter; ExxonMobil; Flint Hills; General Electric Locomotive; General Motors; Lockheed Martin.

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The University of Texas in Austin was voted one of the Texas economy's most important employers along with Dallas-based AT&T, Irving-based ExxonMobil and Texas A&M.

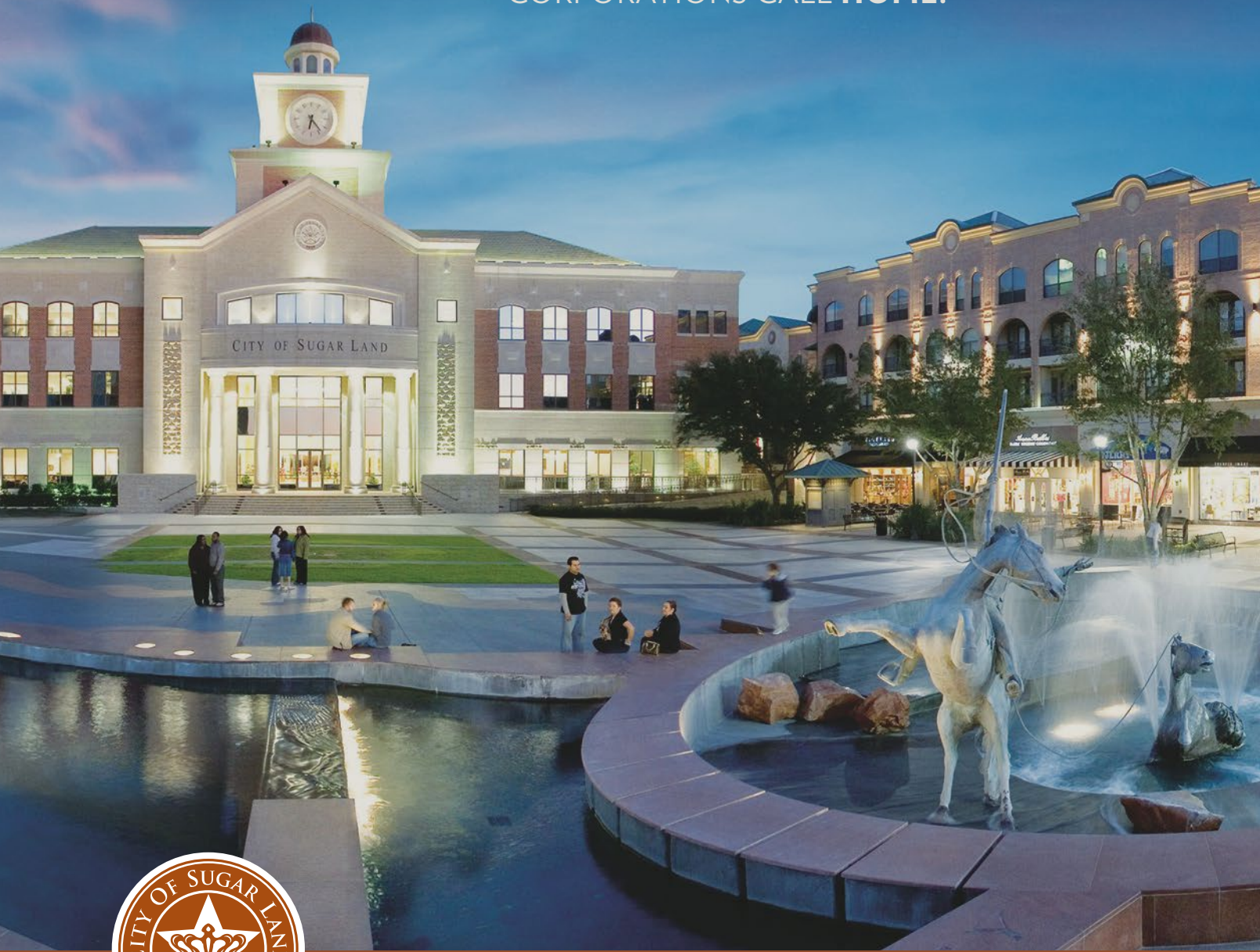


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SpaceX CEO Elon Musk (center) breaks ground on a new commercial rocket launch site in Brownsville, Texas with former Gov. Rick Perry (right) and Texas Congressman Filemon Vela in September of 2014. Brownsville was voted one of Texas' best small market aerospace locations.

6. Texas' Most Admired Service Companies

- AEP
- Baker Hughes/Halliburton
- USAA

Also receiving votes: American Airlines; AT&T; Fluor.

7. The Best of R&D in Texas

- Southwest Research Institute
- Texas Biomedical Research Institute
- University of Texas

Also receiving votes: Baylor Research Institute; Dell; MD Anderson Cancer Center; Texas A&M.

8. Best Metro Aerospace Locations in Texas

- Alliance Texas - Fort Worth
- Houston
- San Antonio

Also receiving votes: Corpus Christi; Dallas-Fort Worth; El Paso; Fort Worth.

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9. Best Small Market Aerospace Locations in Texas

- Amarillo
- Brownsville
- Waco
- Wichita Falls

Also receiving votes: Denison; Lufkin; Midland.

10. Best Tier One Auto Supplier Sites in Texas

- Arlington
- El Paso
- Seguin
- San Antonio

Also receiving votes: Brownsville; McAllen.

11. Texas' Best Community Colleges for Workforce Training

- Del Mar College - Corpus Christi
- Galveston College

- Lone Star College - The Woodlands
- Tarrant County College - Fort Worth

Also receiving votes: Central Texas College - Killeen; El Paso Community College; Houston Community College; San Jacinto College - Houston; South Texas College - McAllen; Victoria College.

12. Best Engineering/Architecture Firms in Texas

- Burns & McDonnell
- Fluor
- Dunaway Associates
- Richter Architects

Also receiving votes: Gensler; Jacobs.

13. Texas' Best Economic Development Law Firms

- Jackson Walker
- Jones Walker

- Kelly Hart & Hallman

14. Best Contractors for Industrial Projects in Texas

- Austin Industries
- Fluor
- Turner Construction

Also receiving votes: Bay Ltd; Gray Construction; Repcon; The Beck Group; Turner Industries Group; Yates Construction.

15. Texas' Best Industrial Real Estate Firms

- CBRE
- Jones Lang LaSalle
- Newmark Grubb Knight Frank

Also receiving votes: Henry S. Miller; Trammell Crow.

16. Best Data Center Locations in Texas

- Austin

- College Station
- Fort Worth
- San Antonio

Also receiving votes: Dallas.

17. Best Megasites in Texas

- Alliance Texas - Fort Worth
- Cedar Port Industrial Park
- Hutto/Taylor Site
- Port of Corpus Christi Industrial District 1

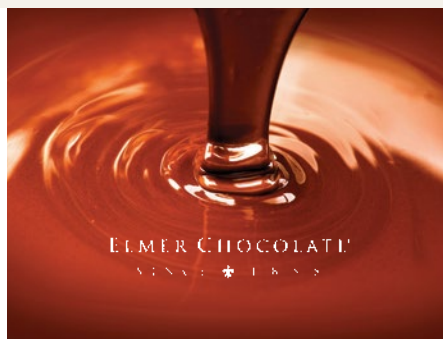
Also receiving votes: Edge of Texas site.

18. Best Locations to Relocate Your Headquarters

- Austin
- Frisco
- Plano
- Sugar Land

Also receiving votes: Dallas; Fort Worth; Houston; Irving; Richardson; San Antonio; The Woodlands.

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Del Mar College students work on the new Process Technology and Instrumentation Pilot Plant launched on campus in 2016 as a collaborative effort between the college and local industry and education partners. The state-of-the-art Pilot Plant will help meet needs for a trained petrochemical process technology and instrumentation workforce in the Texas Coastal Bend region.

19. Best Locations for Bio-sciences in Texas

- College Station
- Houston
- San Antonio
- The Woodlands

Also receiving votes: Austin; Bastrop; Dallas; Georgetown.

20. Texas' Best Small Market Manufacturing Workforces

- Garland
- Midland
- Seguin
- Schertz
- Victoria

Also receiving votes: Killeen; Longview; Sherman.

21. Best Cities in Texas for the Creative Class

- Austin
- Houston
- San Antonio
- San Marcos

Also receiving votes: Dallas; Fort Worth; Georgetown; New Braunfels.

22. Best Places in Texas to Hire Veterans

- Corpus Christi
- Fort Worth
- Killeen
- San Antonio

Also receiving votes: Abilene; Dallas; Houston.

23. Best Locations for Exporting in Texas

- Baytown
- Corpus Christi
- Houston

Also receiving votes: Alliance Texas.

24. Best Tech Hubs in Texas

- Austin
- College Station
- Dallas
- Round Rock

Also receiving votes: Houston; Richardson; San Antonio; West Austin.

The Greater San Marcos Partnership of San Marcos, Texas (pictured here) was voted one of Texas' Best Small Local Economic Development Agencies.



Sugar Land is one of Texas' most successful mixed-use cities and was voted one of Texas' best locations to relocate your headquarters. Pictured at left is the Sugar Land Town Square.

The Port of Corpus Christi's Industrial District 1 (pictured, dark green) was voted one of Texas' best megasites.



25. Texas' Best Large Local Economic Development Agencies

- Austin Chamber of Commerce
- Corpus Christi Regional EDC
- Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Houston Partnership

Also receiving votes: Amarillo EDC; City of Dallas Economic Development; Dallas Regional Chamber; McAllen EDC; San Antonio EDF.

26. Texas' Best Small Local Economic Development Agencies

- Frisco EDC
- Greater San Marcos Partnership
- Midland Development Corporation

- New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce

Also receiving votes: Bastrop EDC; Denton EDP; Georgetown DED; Greater Waco Chamber; Katy Area EDC; Odessa Development Corporation; Plano Economic Development; Sherman EDC.

27. Best Small Towns that are Uniquely Texas

- Bastrop
- Fredericksburg
- Nacogdoches
- Port Aransas

Also receiving votes: Rockwall; Seguin.

28. Texas' Best Sporting Events

- Dallas Cowboys football
- NASCAR - Fort Worth
- Texas A&M football

- University of Texas football

Also receiving votes: Cotton Bowl; Fort Worth Rodeo and Stock Show; Houston Astros baseball; Houston Rodeo; Houston Texans football; PGA's Crowne Plaza Invitational; San Antonio Spurs basketball.

29. Texas' Best Non-Sporting Events

- Cinco de Mayo
- South By Southwest
- State Fair of Texas
- World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest

Also receiving votes: Fiesta de la Flores Music Festival; Fiesta De La Flores Festival; Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival; Remember the Alamo Weekend; World Championship

Shrimp Cook-Off; World-Fest; Houston International Film Festival.

30. Best Three Restaurants in Texas

- Joe T. Garcia's
- Pappas Bros. Steakhouse
- The Mansion on Turtle Creek

Also receiving votes: Angelo's; Del Frisco's; Green Pastures; Matt's El Rancho; Railhead; Saltgrass Steak House.

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Best of Economic Development in

1. Virginia's Best Economic Development Assets

- Information technology infrastructure
- Port of Virginia
- Washington Dulles International Airport

Also receiving votes: Educated and skilled workforce; Federal government; Higher education institutions; Location; Mid-Atlantic Broadband; Quality of life; The Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission.

2. The Virginia Economy's Most Important Employers

- Capital One
- Dominion Resources
- Huntington Ingalls Industries (Newport News Shipbuilding)

Also receiving votes: Booz Allen Hamilton; HCA

Virginia Health System; Northrop Grumman; Sentara Healthcare; University of Virginia; U.S. Department of Defense; Virginia Commonwealth University.

3. Virginia's Most Important New Employers

- Corporate Executive Board (CEB)
- Lidl
- Microsoft
- Shandong Tranlin Paper Co., Ltd.

Also receiving votes: Amazon; Bechtel; Elephant Auto Insurance; Keurig Green Mountain Coffee Roasters; Rolls-Royce; Sabra Dipping; Stone Brewing.

4. Virginia's Most Admired Companies

- Capital One
- Dominion Resources
- Northrop Grumman

Also receiving votes: Booz Allen Hamilton; Microsoft; Navy Federal Credit Union; Rolls-Royce.

5. Virginia's Most Admired Manufacturers

- Canon
- Continental Automotive Systems
- STIHL

Also receiving votes: Rolls-Royce; Smithfield Foods; Volvo Truck.

6. Virginia's Most Admired Service Companies

- Capital One
- CarMax
- Hilton Worldwide Holdings

Also receiving votes: Booz Allen Hamilton; SAIC.

7. The Best of R&D in Virginia

- Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM)
- National Institute of Aerospace
- Virginia Biotechnology Research Park
- Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

Also receiving votes: Center for Advanced Film Manufacturing; Homeland Security Institute; Howard Hughes Medical Institute; NASA Langley Research Center; Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility; Virginia Tech Carilion; Wallops Research Park.

8. Best Metro Aerospace Locations in Virginia

- Newport News/Williamsburg Int'l Airport

With nearly all of the international passenger traffic in the Baltimore-Washington-Northern Virginia region, Washington Dulles International Airport in Loudoun County, Va., was voted one of Virginia's best economic development assets.





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- Richmond International Airport
- Washington Dulles International Airport

Also receiving votes: Arlington; Fairfax; Hampton.

9. Best Small Market Aerospace Locations in Virginia

- Fort Pickett - Nottoway County
- Martinsville-Henry County
- Prince George County
- Shenandoah Valley Regional Aviation Park - Augusta County
- Wallops Research Park - Accomack County

Also receiving votes: Charlottesville; King George County.

10. Best Tier One Auto Supplier Sites in Virginia

- Commonwealth Crossing - Henry County
- Pathway Park - Smyth County
- Progress Park - Wythe County
- Wildwood Commerce Park - Carroll County

Also receiving votes: Abingdon; Blacksburg; Roanoke.

11. Virginia's Best Community Colleges for Workforce Training

- Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
- New River Community College
- Patrick Henry Community College
- Virginia Western Community College

Also receiving votes: Blue

Ridge Community College; John Tyler Community College; Northern Virginia Community College; Southside Community College.

12. Best Engineering/Architecture Firms in Virginia

- Dewberry
- Timmons Group
- Wiley Wilson

13. Virginia's Best Economic Development Law Firms

- McGuireWoods LLP
- Sands Anderson
- Williams Mullen
- Womble Carlyle

Also receiving votes: Arent Fox; Fluett Huber Hoang.

14. Best Contractors for Office and Industrial Projects

- HITT Contracting
- Hourigan Construction
- Whiting-Turner

- WM Jordan

15. Best Tech Hubs in Virginia

- Blacksburg
- Hampton Roads
- Northern Virginia
- Roanoke

Also receiving votes: Lynchburg; Richmond.

16. Best Megasites in Virginia

- Commonwealth Crossing - Henry County
- Mid-Atlantic Advanced Manufacturing Center - Greensville County
- Sussex MegaSite - Sussex County

Also receiving votes: Blacksburg Industrial Park; Williams Tract; Potomac-Stafford/Widewater; King Property.

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**17. Best Small Town
Industrial Sites in Virginia**

- Commonwealth Crossing - Henry County
- Lot 24 Progress Park - Wythe County
- Pathway Park - Smyth County
- Wildwood Commerce Park - Carroll County

Also receiving votes: Pickett Park - Blackstone; Wildwood Commerce Park - Carroll County.

**18. Best Cities and Counties
for the Creative Class**

- Albemarle County
- Falls Church
- Alexandria
- Loudoun County

Also receiving votes: Arlington County; Fairfax County; Roanoke; York County.

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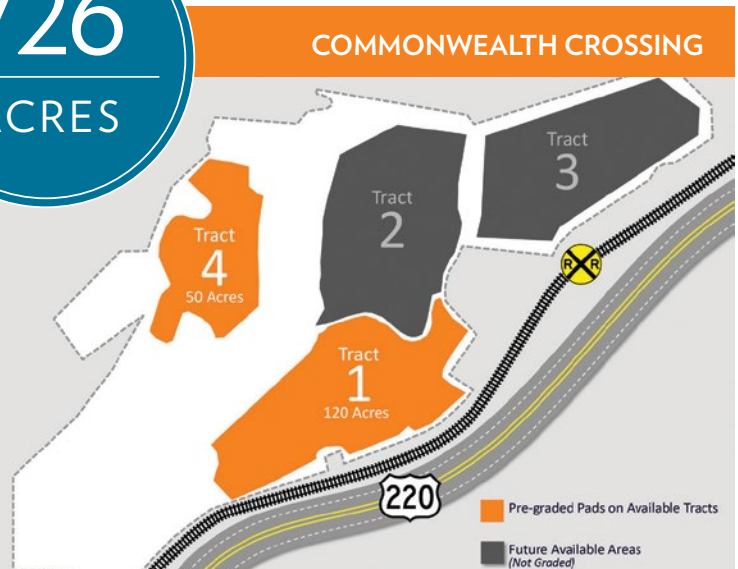


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Roanoke was cited in the Best of Economic Development in Virginia several times, including best location for biosciences in Virginia and best data center location.



Pictured above is the Chesterfield Economic Development team. The organization was voted one of Virginia's best large market economic development agencies.



Newport News Shipbuilding (shown left), home to almost 20,000 workers, is one of the largest manufacturing centers in the South. Newport News Shipbuilding was voted one of Virginia's most important employers.

19. Best Places in Virginia to Hire Veterans

- Hampton Roads
- Northern Virginia
- Nottaway County

Also receiving votes: Richmond; Virginia Beach.

20. Best Data Center Locations in Virginia

- Harrisonburg
- Henrico County
- Loudoun County
- Mecklenburg County

- Roanoke County

Also receiving votes:

Chesterfield; Culpeper; Fairfax County; Montgomery County.

21. Best Locations for Biosciences in Virginia

- Loudoun County
- Prince William County
- Richmond
- Roanoke

Also receiving votes: Blacksburg; Charlottesville; Fairfax

County; Hampton Roads; Harrisonburg; Henrico County; Winchester.

22. Best Cities Regardless of Size for Startups in Virginia

- Ashland
- Falls Church
- Richmond
- Tysons Corner
- Warrenton

Also receiving votes:

Abingdon; Charlottesville; Fairfax; Fredericksburg; Harrisonburg; Lexington;

McLean; Roanoke; Vienna; Winchester.

23. Virginia's Best Small Market Economic Development Agencies

- Culpeper County Economic Development
- Martinsville-Henry County EDC
- Virginia's Gateway Region
- Virginia's Region 2000

Also receiving votes: Frederick County EDA; Fredericksburg Regional Alliance; New River EDA; Prince William County ED.

24. Virginia's Best Large Market Economic Development Agencies

- Chesterfield County ED
- Fairfax County EDA
- Greater Richmond Partnership
- Roanoke Regional Partnership

Also receiving votes:

Hampton Roads EDA; Henrico County EDA; Loudoun Virginia ED; Newport News EDA; Virginia Beach EDD.

25. Virginia's Best State and Regional Economic Development Entities

- American Electric Power Economic Development
- Old Dominion Electric Cooperative Economic Development
- The Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission
- Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Also receiving votes: Dominion Virginia Power.

26. Best Places to Retire in Virginia

- Charlottesville
- Roanoke
- Virginia Beach
- Winchester

Also receiving votes: Abing-



NASCAR at the Martinsville Speedway was voted one of the best sporting events in the state of Virginia.

don; Blacksburg; Chesapeake; Harrisonburg; Lexington; Norfolk; Staunton.

27. Virginia's Best Craft Breweries

- Brothers Craft Brewing
- Hardywood Park Craft Brewery
- Stone Brewing

Also receiving votes: AleWerks Brewing; Lickinghole Creek Craft Brewery; Lost Rhino Brewing; Port City Brewing.

28. Virginia's Best Sporting Events

- NASCAR at Martinsville Speedway
- VCU basketball
- Virginia Tech football

Also receiving votes: Norfolk Tides baseball; Washington Redskins football.

29. Virginia's Best Non-Sporting Events

- American Music Festival
- East Coast Surfing Championships
- Oceana Air Show
- Old Fiddlers Convention

Also receiving votes: Neptune Festival; Richmond Folk Festival; Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival.

30. Best Three Restaurants in Virginia

- Alexander's - Roanoke
- Restaurant Eve - Alexandria
- The Roosevelt - Richmond
- Trummer's on Main - Clifton

Also receiving votes: 2941 Restaurant - Falls Church; L'Opossum - Richmond.

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Here's to many more.





Best of Economic Development in WEST VIRGINIA

1. West Virginia's Best Economic Development Assets

- Business climate
- Robert C. Byrd Institute
- West Virginia's workforce

Also receiving votes: Community and Technical College System of West Virginia; Strategic location; WV Capital Access Program; West Virginia Regional Technology Park; WorkForce West Virginia.

2. The West Virginia Economy's Most Important Employers

- Charleston Area Medical Center
- DuPont
- Mylan Pharmaceuticals
- Toyota Motor Manufacturing

Also receiving votes: Alpha Natural Resources; Capitol Area Services; West Virginia University; WVU Medicine.

3. West Virginia's Most Important New Employers

- Braskem
- Kureha America
- Proctor and Gamble

Also receiving votes: Antero Resources.

4. West Virginia's Most Admired Companies

- Brickstreet
- DuPont
- Mylan Pharmaceuticals
- Schonstedt Instrument Co.

Charleston — West Virginia's capital (pictured below) — was cited several times, including best location for biosciences and best place in the state for startup companies.





Morgantown is home to Mylan Pharmaceuticals, one of West Virginia's largest and most important employers. It is also home to West Virginia University. Morgantown was voted one of the best places in West Virginia for the creative class.

Also receiving votes: Toyota Motor Manufacturing.

5. West Virginia's Most Admired Manufacturers

- Dow
- NGK Spark Plugs
- Toyota Motor Manufacturing

Also receiving votes: Gestamp.

6. West Virginia's Most Admired Service Companies

- American Electric Power
- Capital Area Services Company
- KeyLogic
- The Greenbrier Resort

Also receiving votes: Charleston Area Medical Center; St. Mary's Medical Center; WVU Medicine.

7. The Best of R&D in West Virginia

- Mid-Atlantic Aerospace Complex (MAAC)
- Robert C. Byrd Institute
- WVU Center for Alternative Fuels, Engines, and Emissions (CAFEE)
- The Mid-Atlantic Technology, Research and Innovation Center (MATRIC)

Also receiving votes: Mylan

Pharmaceuticals; Progenesis Technologies; The Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education Center; WV State University Agriculture & Environmental Research Station.

8. Best Data Center Locations in West Virginia

- Berkeley Springs
- Martinsburg
- Petersburg
- West Virginia Regional Technology Park - South Charleston

9. Best Locations for the Creative Class in West Virginia

- Charleston
- Lewisburg
- Morgantown
- Wheeling

Also receiving votes: Princeton; Huntington.

10. Best Tier One Auto Supplier Sites in West Virginia

- Charleston
- Putnam County
- South Charleston

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- BridgeValley Community and Technical College
- New River Community and Technical College
- Pierpont Community and Technical College
- West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Also receiving votes: Blue Ridge Community and Technical College.

12. Best Engineering/Architecture Firms in West Virginia

- Alpha Associates
- Thrasher Engineering
- ZMM

13. West Virginia's Best Economic Development Law Firms

- Bowles Rice PLLC
- Jackson Kelly
- Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC

14. Best Contractors for Industrial Projects in West Virginia

- BBL Carlton
- Nitro Mechanical
- Precision Pump & Valve

15. Best Aerospace Locations in West Virginia

- Clarksburg
- Mid-Atlantic Aerospace Complex (MAAC) - Bridgeport
- Morgantown

Also receiving votes: Charleston; Keyser; Union; Wheeling.

16. Best Small Business Banks in West Virginia

- Huntington National Bank
- MVB Bank
- Summit Community Bank

Also receiving votes: BB&T.

17. West Virginia's Best Local Economic Development Agencies

- Charleston Area Alliance
- Huntington Area Development Council
- Putnam County Development Authority
- Regional Economic Development Partnership - Wheeling

Also receiving votes: Berkeley County Development Authority; Grant County Development Authority; Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council; Morgantown Area Economic Partnership; Wood County Development Corporation.

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BEST OF WEST VIRGINIA

Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia's plant in Buffalo, W.Va., is a \$1 billion engine and transmissions manufacturing facility. Toyota was cited by SEDR as one of West Virginia's most important employers.



18. West Virginia's Best State and Regional Economic Development Agencies

- AEP
- West Virginia Chamber
- West Virginia Development Office
- West Virginia EDC

19. West Virginia's Best Manufacturing Workforces

- Harrison County
- Kanawha County
- Marshall County
- Ohio County
- Putnam County

Also receiving votes: Lewis County; Monongalia County; Wood County.

20. Counties in West Virginia with the Best Job Growth Prospects

- Jefferson County
- Monongalia County
- Putnam County

Also receiving votes: Berkeley County; Marshall County; Morgan County.

21. Counties in West Virginia with the Best Personal Income Growth Prospects

- Berkeley County
- Jefferson County

• Monongalia County

Also receiving votes: Cabell County; Hardy County; Mineral County; Putnam County; Preston County.

22. Best Locations for Biosciences in West Virginia

- Charleston
- Huntington
- Morgantown

Also receiving votes: CAMC Health Education and Research Institute; Marshall University; WVU Medicine.

23. Best Places for Startups in West Virginia

- Charleston
- Huntington
- Morgantown

Also receiving votes: West Virginia Regional Technology Park - Charleston; Charleston Area Alliance Incubator.

24. Best Tech Hubs in West Virginia

- I-79 Technology Park - Fairmont
- Robert C. Byrd Institute - Huntington
- West Virginia Regional Technology Park - Charleston

25. Best Places to Live and Work in West Virginia

- Bridgeport
- Charleston
- Charles Town

Also receiving votes: Brookhaven; Clarksburg; Huntington; Lewisburg; Morgantown.

26. Best Places to Retire in West Virginia

- Charleston
- Lewisburg
- Morgantown

Also receiving votes: Berkeley Springs; Bridgeport; Huntington.

27. West Virginia's Best Craft Breweries

- Charleston Brewing Company
- Chestnut Brew Works
- Wheeling Brewing Company

Also receiving votes: River City Ale Works.

28. West Virginia's Best Sporting Events

- Bridge Day base jumping
- Greenbrier Classic golf
- West Virginia University football

Also receiving votes: Marshall University football; West Virginia University basketball; West Virginia Power baseball.

29. West Virginia's Best Non-Sporting Events

- FestivALL - Charleston
- Mountain Stage - Charleston
- Mountain State Arts & Craft Fair - Ripley
- Mountain State Forest Festival - Elkins

Also receiving votes: Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting; Chocolate Festival - Lewisburg; State Fair of West Virginia - Lewisburg.

30. Best Three Restaurants in West Virginia

- Laury's - Charleston
- Redbook Restaurant - Charles Town
- South Hills Market - Charleston

Also receiving votes: Bridge Road Bistro - Charleston; 21 at the Frederick - Huntington; Prime 44 West - The Greenbrier Resort. 🍷