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.

- Texas
- Virginia
- West Virginia
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.
Corpus Christi is absolutely one of the best places to live and work. We believe in BIG Business, Coastal Style. Corpus Christi is economically bolstered by Port Corpus Christi and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, and is surrounded by nine beaches, hunting and fishing, water sports, and on-the-water eateries. The market is supplied with a workforce trained right in our backyard at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Del Mar College. We’ve got it all.

Texas – Best State to Make a Living 2015
Forbes Magazine

Corpus Christi Ranked 3rd Most Recovered City in the Nation after the Great Recession
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Corpus Christi Ranked 7th Happiest City in the Nation 2014
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Join us. We’re Built on Partnerships.
1. Texas’ Best Economic Development Assets
   • Abundant and affordable land
   • No state income taxes
   • Right to work state

Also receiving votes:
- 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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- Seamless Steel Pipe - China
- Polymer Resins - Italy
- Iron Briquette Purification - Austria
- Petroleum Processing, Instrumentation, Crane and Forklift Operation - Worldwide and the USA

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

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: Corpus Christi; Dallas-Fort Worth; El Paso; Fort Worth.

8. Best Metro Aerospace Locations in Texas
- Alliance Texas - Fort Worth
- Houston
- San Antonio

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.
9. Best Small Market Aerospace Locations in Texas
- Amarillo
- Brownsville
- Waco
- Wichita Falls
Also receiving votes: Denton; 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

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

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.

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 Biosciences 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.
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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

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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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

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; Dabney S. Lancaster 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; Fluet Huber Hoang.

14. Best Contractors for Office and Industrial Projects
• HITT Contracting
• Hourigan Construction
• Whiting-Turner

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; Poto mac-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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- 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
Also receiving votes: Blacksburg; Charlottesville; Fairfax County; Montgomery County.

- 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
Also receiving votes: Blacksburg; Charlottesville; 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; Harrisonburg; Henrico County; Winchester.

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.

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.

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

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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: Abingdon; Abingdon; Charlottesvill-
NASCAR at Martinsville Speedway was voted one of the best sporting events in the state of Virginia.

Chesterfield Economic Development and the Timmons Group would like to congratulate Seefried Industrial Properties on the completion of the new $50 million Altria logistics operation in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

Thank you for once again using our FASTTRACK incentive program to quickly and efficiently construct the 1 million square foot facility.

Here’s to many more.
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.
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: Berkeley Springs; Bridgeport; Huntington.

24. Best Tech Hubs in West Virginia
- Charleston
- Huntington
- Morgantown
Also receiving votes: 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: Charleston Regional Technology Park - Charleston; Charleston Area Alliance Incubator.

27. West Virginia’s Best Craft Breweries
- Charleston Brewing Company
- Chestnut Brew Works
- Wheeling Brewing Company
Also receiving votes: Bridge Road Bistro - Charleston; 21 at the Frederick - Huntington; Prime 44 West - The Greenbrier Resort.

28. West Virginia’s Best Sporting Events
- Bridge Day base jumping
- Greenbrier Classic golf
- West Virginia University football
Also receiving votes: Mar-shall 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.