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#1 STATE FOR DOING BUSINESS.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

#1 STATE FOR BUSINESS CLIMATE.

SOURCE: SITE SELECTION, NOVEMBER 2015

#1 STATE FOR INCENTIVE PROGRAMS (TIED WITH SOUTH CAROLINA).

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

#1 COOPERATIVE STATE GOVERNMENT (TIED WITH SOUTH CAROLINA).

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

#1 STATE FOR FAVORABLE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT (TIED WITH ARIZONA AND TEXAS).

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

#1 MOST ENTREPRENEURIAL STATE AS MEASURED BY AVERAGE SBA GUARANTEED LOAN SIZE.

SOURCE: NERDWALLET, "MOST ENTREPRENEURIAL STATES: WHERE SMALL-BUSINESS LOANS RULE AND STARTUPS ABOUND," OCTOBER 13, 2015

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#2 STATE FOR BUSINESS CLIMATE AS MEASURED BY EXECUTIVE SURVEY, (TIED WITH FLORIDA AND NORTH CAROLINA).

SOURCE: SITE SELECTION, NOVEMBER 2015

#2 STATE FOR BUSINESS CLIMATE AS MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF NEW PLANTS (JANUARY - AUGUST).

SOURCE: SITE SELECTION, NOVEMBER 2015

#2 STATE FOR SPEED OF PERMITTING.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

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#3 STATE FOR BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

#3 STATE FOR COST OF DOING BUSINESS.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

#3 STATE FOR ACCESS TO CAPITAL & PROJECT FUNDING.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

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#4 STATE FOR NEW STARTUP RATES (TIED WITH FLORIDA).

SOURCE: U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION, "ENTERPRISING STATES 2015: STATES INNOVATE," OCTOBER, 2015

#4 STATE FOR BUSINESS AS MEASURED BY THE ECONOMY.

SOURCE: CNBC, JUNE 25, 2015

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#5 STATE FOR BUSINESS.

SOURCE: CNBC, JUNE 25, 2015

#5 STATE FOR BUSINESS.

SOURCE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE, JUNE 1, 2015

#5 STATE FOR BUSINESS AS MEASURED BY ACCESS TO CAPITAL.

SOURCE: CNBC, JUNE 25, 2015

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#6 STATE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH POTENTIAL.

SOURCE: BUSINESS FACILITIES, JULY/AUGUST 2015 ISSUE, JULY 30, 2015

#6 STATE FOR INC. 5000 HEADQUARTERS (FAST-GROWING COMPANIES).

SOURCE: INC., 2015 INC. 5000

#6 STATE WITH THE MOST FORTUNE 500 HEADQUARTERS (TIED WITH MICHIGAN).

SOURCE: GEORGIA POWER ANALYSIS OF 2015 FORTUNE 500 LIST, FORTUNE, JUNE 4, 2015

#6 FASTEST GROWING STATE FOR STARTUPS.

SOURCE: TECH.CO, MAY 22, 2015

#6 STATE FOR BUSINESS CLIMATE AS MEASURED BY NEW PLANTS PER CAPITA (JANUARY - AUGUST).

SOURCE: SITE SELECTION, NOVEMBER 2015

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#7 STATE FOR BUSINESS CLIMATE.

SOURCE: BUSINESS FACILITIES, JULY/AUGUST 2015 ISSUE, JULY 30, 2015

#7 STATE FOR ECONOMIC OUTLOOK (TIED WITH WYOMING).

SOURCE: AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL, "RICH STATES, POOR STATES: ALEC-LAFFER STATE ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS INDEX," APRIL 2015

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#8 STATE FOR ECONOMIC MOMENTUM.

SOURCE: FEDERAL FUNDS INFORMATION FOR STATES, APRIL 9, 2015

#8 STATE FOR EASE OF STARTING A BUSINESS.

SOURCE: THUMBSTACK.COM, "2015 SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLINESS RESULTS," AUGUST 17, 2015

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#9 STATE FOR BUSINESS AS MEASURED BY REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT.

SOURCE: FORBES, "BEST STATES FOR BUSINESS," OCTOBER 2015

#9 STATE FOR SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLINESS.

SOURCE: THUMBSTACK.COM, "2015 SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLINESS RESULTS," AUGUST 17, 2015

#9 MOST ENTREPRENEURIAL STATE.

SOURCE: NERDWALLET, "MOST ENTREPRENEURIAL STATES: WHERE SMALL-BUSINESS LOANS RULE AND STARTUPS ABOUND," OCTOBER 13, 2015

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#10 STATE FOR BUSINESS CLIMATE AS MEASURED BY COMPETITIVENESS.

SOURCE: SITE SELECTION, NOVEMBER 2015

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INDUSTRY

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#2 STATE FOR BIOTECH GROWTH POTENTIAL.

SOURCE: BUSINESS FACILITIES, JULY/AUGUST 2015 ISSUE, JULY 30, 2015

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#3 STATE FOR MANUFACTURING.

SOURCE: SITE SELECTION GROUP, "WHAT ARE THE BEST STATES FOR MANUFACTURING?," JULY 21, 2015

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#5 LOCATION FOR MOVIE PRODUCTION BY NUMBER OF MOVIES FILMED.

SOURCE: FILML.A. INC., "2014 FEATURE FILM STUDY," MAY 28, 2015.

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#6 STATE FOR AEROSPACE AND AVIATION ATTRACTIVENESS.

SOURCE: INDUSTRY WEEK, APRIL 28, 2015

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#8 STATE FOR AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURING STRENGTH.

SOURCE: BUSINESS FACILITIES, JULY/AUGUST 2015 ISSUE, JULY 30, 2015

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LOGISTICS

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#1 STATE FOR DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY CHAIN HUBS.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

#1 STATE FOR EFFECTIVE TAX RATES FOR DISTRIBUTION CENTERS (NEW FIRMS).

SOURCE: TAX FOUNDATION, "LOCATION MATTERS," 2015

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#3 STATE FOR RAIL ACCESSIBILITY.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

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#4 STATE FOR TRANSPORTATION AND TRADE.

SOURCE: U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION, "ENTERPRISING STATES 2015: STATES INNOVATE," OCTOBER, 2015.

#4 STATE FOR EFFECTIVE TAX RATES FOR DISTRIBUTION CENTERS (MATURE FIRMS).

SOURCE: TAX FOUNDATION, "LOCATION MATTERS," 2015

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#8 STATE FOR DISTRIBUTION CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SOURCE: SITE SELECTION GROUP, "TOP 10 STATES FOR DISTRIBUTION CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS Q3 2015,"

OCTOBER 27, 2015; CONWAY, INC., "CONWAY DATA NEW PLANT REPORT," 2015; SITE SELECTION, 2015.

JOB GROWTH

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#1 STATE FOR CLEAN ENERGY JOBS.

SOURCE: ENVIRONMENTAL ENTREPRENEURS, "CLEAN ENERGY WORKS FOR U.S.: Q1 2015 JOBS REPORT," JULY 1, 2015

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#4 STATE WITH THE FASTEST PROJECTED JOB GROWTH IN 2016.

SOURCE: KIPLINGER, "BEST PLACES TO SEARCH FOR A JOB IN 2016," NOVEMBER, 2015

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#6 STATE FOR JOB GROWTH, 2013 - 2014 (TIED WITH CALIFORNIA).

SOURCE: W.P. CAREY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, "TOP 10 CITIES AND STATES FOR JOB GROWTH", MARCH 31, 2015

#6 STATE FOR CHANGE IN HIGH-TECH EMPLOYMENT RELATIVE TO ALL EMPLOYMENT, 2011 - 2013.

SOURCE: WORKFORCE INFORMATION COUNCIL, "HIGH-TECH INDUSTRY IN THE U.S ECONOMY," FALL 2015

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SOURCE: WORKFORCE INFORMATION COUNCIL, "HIGH-TECH INDUSTRY IN THE U.S ECONOMY," FALL 2015

#8 STATE FOR CHANGE IN CORE HIGH-TECH EMPLOYMENT RELATIVE TO ALL EMPLOYMENT, 2011 - 2013.

SOURCE: WORKFORCE INFORMATION COUNCIL, "HIGH-TECH INDUSTRY IN THE U.S ECONOMY," FALL 2015

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#10 STATE FOR CHANGE IN CORE HIGH-TECH EMPLOYMENT, 2011 - 2013.

SOURCE: WORKFORCE INFORMATION COUNCIL, "HIGH-TECH INDUSTRY IN THE U.S ECONOMY," FALL 2015

EDUCATION

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#5 STATE FOR MOST IMPROVED HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES, 2011 - 2013.

SOURCE: THE ATLANTIC, "HOW STATES RANK ON HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES," AUGUST 16, 2015.

#5 STATE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION EFFICIENCY.

SOURCE: U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION, "ENTERPRISING STATES 2015: STATES INNOVATE," OCTOBER, 2015

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#9 STATE FOR HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES.

SOURCE: U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION, "ENTERPRISING STATES 2015: STATES INNOVATE," OCTOBER, 2015

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#10 STATE FOR ACADEMIC R&D GROWTH.

SOURCE: U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION, "ENTERPRISING STATES 2015: STATES INNOVATE," OCTOBER, 2015.

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PEOPLE

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#1 STATE FOR GROWTH IN NUMBER OF WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS, 1997 - 2015.

SOURCE: AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN, "2015 STATE OF WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS REPORT"

#1 STATE FOR GROWTH BY PERCENT CHANGE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS, 1997 - 2015.

SOURCE: AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN, "2015 STATE OF WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS REPORT"

#1 STATE FOR GROWTH BY PERCENT CHANGE OF ASIAN-AMERICAN WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS, 1997 - 2015.

SOURCE: AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN, "2015 STATE OF WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS REPORT"

#1 STATE FOR GROWTH BY PERCENT CHANGE OF LATINA-OWNED FIRMS, 1997 - 2015.

SOURCE: AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN, "2015 STATE OF WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS REPORT"

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#4 STATE FOR GROWTH IN COMBINED ECONOMIC CLOUD OF WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS, 1997 - 2015.

SOURCE: AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN, "2015 STATE OF WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS REPORT"

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#5 STATE FOR NET NUMBER OF NEW WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS PER DAY, 1997 - 2015.

SOURCE: AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN, "2015 STATE OF WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS REPORT"

#5 STATE WITH NET DOMESTIC IN-MIGRATION, CUMULATIVE 2004 - 2013.

SOURCE: AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL, "RICH STATES, POOR STATES: ALEC-LAFFER STATE ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS INDEX," APRIL 2015

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#6 STATE FOR NUMBER OF WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS IN 2015.

SOURCE: AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN, "2015 STATE OF WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS REPORT"

#6 STATE FOR GROWTH BY PERCENT CHANGE OF NATIVE-AMERICAN/ALASKAN NATIVE WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS, 1997 - 2015.

SOURCE: AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN, "2015 STATE OF WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS REPORT"

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SUSTAINABILITY

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#2 STATE FOR PER CAPITA SOLAR GROWTH SINCE 2012.

SOURCE: ENVIRONMENT AMERICA RESEARCH & POLICY CENTER AND FRONTIER GROUP, "LIGHTING THE WAY," SEPTEMBER 2015

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#8 STATE FOR LEED GREEN PROJECTS PER CAPITA SQUARE FOOTAGE.

SOURCE: U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL, "TOP 10 STATES FOR LEED GREEN BUILDING PER CAPITA, 2014," FEBRUARY 4, 2015

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WORKFORCE

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#1 STATE FOR OVERALL LABOR CLIMATE.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

#1 STATE FOR LABOR CLIMATE (RIGHT TO WORK).

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

#1 STATE FOR LEADING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

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#2 STATE FOR AVAILABILITY OF SKILLED LABOR.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

#2 STATE FOR COMPETITIVE LABOR COSTS.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

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#3 STATE FOR WORKFORCE.

SOURCE: CNBC, JUNE 25, 2015

#3 STATE FOR WORKFORCE TRAINING LEADERS.

SOURCE: BUSINESS FACILITIES, JULY/AUGUST 2015 ISSUE, JULY 30, 2015

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INFRASTRUCTURE

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#1 STATE FOR ROAD QUALITY.

SOURCE: U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION, "ENTERPRISING STATES 2015: STATES INNOVATE," OCTOBER, 2015

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#2 STATE FOR OVERALL INFRASTRUCTURE & GLOBAL ACCESS.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

#2 STATE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE.

SOURCE: CNBC, JUNE 25, 2015

#2 STATE FOR COMPETITIVE UTILITY RATES.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

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#3 STATE FOR CERTIFIED SITES/SHOVEL-READY PROGRAMS.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

#3 STATE FOR ENERGY RELIABILITY/SMART GRID DEPLOYMENT.

SOURCE: AREA DEVELOPMENT, "TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS 2015," Q3 2015

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#4 STATE FOR LOWEST INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICITY RATES.

SOURCE: BUSINESS FACILITIES, JULY/AUGUST 2015 ISSUE, JULY 30, 2015

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#7 STATE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE.

SOURCE: BUSINESS FACILITIES, JULY/AUGUST 2015 ISSUE, JULY 30, 2015

TAXES

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#2 STATE FOR EFFECTIVE TAX RATES FOR CALL CENTERS (NEW FIRMS).

SOURCE: TAX FOUNDATION, "LOCATION MATTERS," 2015

#2 STATE FOR EFFECTIVE TAX RATES FOR CALL CENTERS (MATURE FIRMS).

SOURCE: TAX FOUNDATION, "LOCATION MATTERS," 2015

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#3 STATE FOR MATURE FIRM TAX INDEX.

SOURCE: SITE SELECTION MAGAZINE, NOVEMBER 2015

#3 STATE FOR EFFECTIVE TAX RATES FOR LABOR INTENSIVE MANUFACTURERS (MATURE FIRMS).

SOURCE: TAX FOUNDATION, "LOCATION MATTERS," 2015

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#4 STATE FOR EFFECTIVE TAX RATES FOR LABOR INTENSIVE MANUFACTURERS (NEW FIRMS).

SOURCE: TAX FOUNDATION, "LOCATION MATTERS," 2015

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#5 TAX-FRIENDLY STATE FOR RETIREES.

SOURCE: KIPLINGER, "STATE-BY-STATE GUIDE TO TAXES ON RETIREES," OCTOBER 2015

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#6 STATE FOR NEW FIRM TAX INDEX.

SOURCE: SITE SELECTION MAGAZINE, NOVEMBER 2015

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#8 STATE FOR CORPORATE TAX RATE.

SOURCE: TAX FOUNDATION, JANUARY 28, 2015

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#9 STATE FOR EFFECTIVE TAX RATES FOR CAPITAL INTENSIVE MANUFACTURERS (MATURE FIRMS).

SOURCE: TAX FOUNDATION, "LOCATION MATTERS," 2015

QUALITY OF LIFE

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#5 STATE FOR BBQ.

SOURCE: TRIP ADVISOR, MAY 2015