

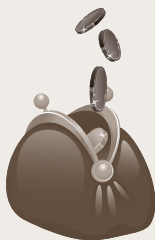
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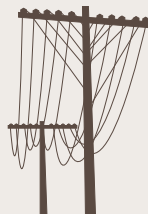
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*CNBC, July 2012*



**4TH BEST STATE FOR BUSINESS**  
*Chief Executive, May 2012*



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MANUFACTURING STRENGTH**  
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**4TH BEST STATE-LOCAL TAX  
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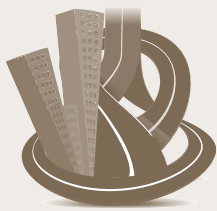
**1ST FOR TOP LOGISTICS/DISTRIBUTION/  
SHIPPING HUB, MEMPHIS, TN**  
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**3RD MOST FAVORABLE STATE**  
*Public Policy Polling, February 2012*



**4TH BEST STATE FOR  
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*Business.com, April 2012*



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**8TH IN ECONOMIC GROWTH  
POTENTIAL**  
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**8TH BEST STATE FOR  
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**14TH BEST STATE BUSINESS TAX CLIMATE**  
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*Site Selection, April 2012*



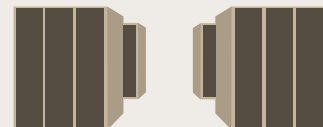
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**10TH BEST EDUCATION CLIMATE**  
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