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in **NORTH
CAROLINA™**

North Carolina is continually recognized as a place where businesses Thrive.

SITE
Selection

Ranked No. 3 Best Business Climate—
Site Selection magazine, November 2011

No. 5 Most Competitive State—
Site Selection magazine, May 2012

**No. 4 Most New Projects and Expansions
in 2011—***Site Selection* magazine, March 2012



No. 3 America's Top States for Business—
CNBC survey, June 2011



No. 2 Most Cost-Efficient for Manufacturing—
AIER study, The Business Journals, July 2011

No. 8 Venture Capital Investments—
The Business Journals, August 2011



No. 3 Best State for Business—by
CEO's, *Chief Executive* magazine, May 2012



No. 3 Best State for Business—
Forbes magazine, November 2011



2011 Silver Shovel Award Winner—
Area Development magazine, April 2011



No. 2 Lowest State & Local Tax Burden on Business—
Council on State Taxation and Ernst & Young, July 2011

Additional Accolades

2012 CiCi Awards—Two North Carolina projects received recognition: Sempruis, Inc. in Vance County was recognized with a Community Impact Award. Horsehead Coporation in Rutherford County was recognized for Corporate Investment, *Trade and Industry Development* magazine, March 2012

**No. 1 in Southeast; No. 4 Nationally
Annual In-Migration to States—**United Van Lines,
January 2012

No. 13 Milken Institute State Technology Index—
January 2011