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North Carolina again has top business climate, Site Selection says

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North Carolina is the state with the top business climate, according to *Site Selection* magazine.

It's the fourth straight year the economic development publication has picked North Carolina for its No. 1 spot.

"Corporate executives know North Carolina is listening to them and we understand what they need to succeed," Gov. Mike Easley said in a written statement. "We are investing in education to provide a skilled workforce and offering an unmatched quality of life so people want to live and work here. All these make our state the top choice for companies looking to grow."

Site Selection's rankings are based on two factors: a survey of corporate site selection executives and a measure of new plant activity. The executives mentioned North Carolina's incentives programs and low taxes, while new plant activity in the past year included economic development wins such as the Spirit AeroSystems manufacturing plant in Kinston and GE Hitachi's expansion in Wilmington.

The article about North Carolina's No. 1 selection can be seen at siteselection.com.

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