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Dubuque's Economic Growth Potential 7th Best in the United States

Business Facilities Magazine Ranks Metros Under 200,000

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DUBUQUE, IA—*Business Facilities Magazine* recently gave Dubuque, Iowa, the nod as a Top Metro for Economic Growth Potential (under 200,000 population) in their 2010 Rankings Report.

Business Facilities annually issues states, metros, and countries rankings in an effort to accurately measure and recognize economic development advances. The publication annually refines its rankings' categories and criteria to ensure the results bring into focus emerging growth sectors and accurately credits locations that are moving aggressively to maximize their resources and seize the moment.

The key metric for the 2010 Rankings Report was growth. Special emphasis was given to the growth potential of each location's economic development strategy. The Economic Growth Potential category rewards the most effective overall strategy and its successful execution, identifying those who not only have survived the economic downturn but are poised to dominate the emerging New Economy.

The latest ranking comes on the heels of *Forbes.com* ranking Dubuque #1 in Projected Job Growth. In April 2010, Dubuque surged ahead 156 places in the 2010 *Forbes.com* rankings, garnering the top spot as the #1 Best Smaller Metro for Projected Job Growth. The ranking is based on three-year annualized figures and compares 184 smaller metro areas with populations ranging from 55,000 to 245,000.

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