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# Dubuque 11th in the U.S.

## Region Again Outperforms Major U.S. Cities

**DUBUQUE, IOWA** — Continuing its visibility as a leader in job growth nationwide, Dubuque has earned yet another top ranking. The prestigious *Milken Institute* released its latest list of “Best Performing Cities,” with Dubuque outperforming 386 other U.S. cities for job growth.

The report shows Dubuque’s one-year job growth rate (March 2006 – March 2007) ranked 11th nation-wide. The report separately analyzes the top 200 large and 179 small metros nationwide. Dubuque’s 5.26 percent job growth rate moves Dubuque to 8th nationally among small cities and 11th among all U.S. metros.

Mike Blouin, President of Greater Dubuque Development notes that, “Nearly everywhere we look, the resurgence of the tri-state area continues. The good news is that this is not just another job statistic. In fact, it represents the thousands of good paying jobs, over the last few years, that have allowed our people to enjoy the quality of life amenities that we have to offer as a community.” Blouin continues, “The good news is that this represents only the beginning. Our new five-year goals are designed to create 5,500 new jobs and 300 million in capital investment, enabling even more citizens to share in our collective success.”

The *Milken* ranking adds to Dubuque’s growing list of recognitions for job growth. It comes on the heels of recent top rankings from *Forbes, Inc. Magazine*, and *Moody’s/Economy.com*, all of which both placed Dubuque in the U.S. top 25 for job growth.

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