

Another U.S. Top 20 Ranking: Greater Dubuque Continues to Climb in Outstanding Economic Development

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Dubuque, IA - Yet another leading publication, Area Development Magazine, has recognized the Greater Dubuque region for excellence in economic performance and a strong, healthy business climate. In the 2013 Leading Location Report, Dubuque's ranking in the Top 100 Overall Cities climbed to 12th best in the United States, up from 16th in 2012. Dubuque was the only city in Iowa to place in the top 20.

Dubuque was also highly ranked in six of the other categories. The rankings included:

- Top 20 Midwest Cities: Dubuque ranked 3rd;
- Top 20 Midwest Cities – “Now” Cities: Dubuque ranked 6th;
- Top 30 Small Cities: Dubuque ranked 5th; up from 12th in 2012;
- Top 20 Small Cities in Economic Strength: Dubuque ranked 5th;
- Top 20 Small Cities in Recovery Cities: Dubuque ranked 4th;
- Top 20 Small Cities – “Now” Cities: Dubuque ranked 6th.

The rankings were comprised by comparing 380 MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Areas) across 21 economic and workforce indicators using data originating from four sources: the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, the U.S. Census American Community Survey and IHS.

“This recognition serves as a reminder of Dubuque’s commitment to growth,” Rick Dickinson, President and CEO of Greater Dubuque Development Corporation, said. “With strong public-private partnerships and a highly skilled workforce, our community continues to be one of the premier economic regions in the United States with other cities striving to emulate our successes. The investors, Board of Directors, and staff at Greater Dubuque Development continue the good work of bringing What’s NEXT for Dubuque,” added Dickinson.

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