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North Carolina's business climate is the best in the nation this year, according to the latest survey from Site Selection magazine.

The Tar Heel State earned top honors in the publication's Top Business Climate for 2006 list, which is based in part on a survey of corporate real estate executives.

Texas finished second, ahead of Ohio, Georgia and Tennessee, respectively.

This is the second consecutive year -- and the fifth time in six years -- North Carolina has earned the distinction.

Corporate executives included in the survey cited North Carolina's "ease of doing business, work force and higher education resources," Site Selection says.

The annual business-climate rankings are determined by the state's performance in Conway Data Inc.'s New Plant Database, which tracks new and expanded business activity, and by a survey of corporate site-selection executives across the country.

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