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Abilene, Texas Receives National Recognition as a Top 10 City for Economic Development

Abilene, Texas— The Development Corporation of Abilene (DCOA) is pleased to announce that Abilene, Texas was recognized as #8 in the country in economic development for populations under 200,000, according to results in annual rankings published by *Site Selection Magazine*. This recognition marks the first time Abilene has ranked in the top 10 in the country since the award's inception.

"We are honored to receive this recognition," DCOA President and CEO Misty Mayo said. "The hard work and dedication of our team, partners, local officials, and the state legislature have made this possible. We are proud to say the future is bright in Abilene."

In addition, Texas Governor Greg Abbott held a press conference with invited guests, including Mayo and Great Lakes Cheese General Manager Mitch Fiedler, to announce the *Governor's Cup* awarded to Texas for the tenth consecutive year for the most economic development projects for any state in the country.

"As we celebrate the resurgence of the mighty Texas economy, we look to the future with high and hopeful expectations of an even brighter, more prosperous future for generations of Texans," said Texas Governor Greg Abbott in a recent press release.

2021 was a historical year for the DCOA's economic development in Abilene that included seven projects, over \$2.6 billion capital investment, and estimated more than \$5.7 billion in economic impact.

About Abilene, Texas

Abilene, Texas is located in Taylor County, Texas. Directly on I-20 just a two and half hours from the Dallas/Fort Worth metro, Abilene is strategically located in the south-central United States. The city has a population of 121,512 people, and has a labor shed of over 140,000.

About Site Selection Magazine

Site Selection Magazine publishes information for expansion-planning decision-makers — CEOs, corporate real estate executives and facility planners, human resource managers and site selection consultants. It has awarded the Governor's Cup annually since 1978, based on new and expanded corporate facilities as tracked by the proprietary Conway Projects Database.

About the Development Corporation of Abilene

The DCOA is the economic development driver of the Abilene region with the goal to increase job opportunities and capital investments, as well as recruit and retain companies for Abilene. The DCOA is focused on the future success of the community and leverages a partnership called DevelopAbilene to market Abilene as the premier location for business. Learn more about the DCOA and DevelopAbilene at: www.developabilene.com.

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