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High marks once again for Greenville on a national “Best of” type list. Greenville ranks in the top 10 percent of metropolitan areas in the United States for economic and job growth and is the top rated area in North Carolina.

Area Development (areadevelopment.com) analyzed economic and workforce data in the 379 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) in the nation to rank which communities are most ready to capitalize on economic growth. Greenville ranked 36th overall and 12th for mid-sized metropolitan areas.

“The Greenville, North Carolina metropolitan area has a well established reputation for education and medicine,” said Economic Development Officer Carl Rees. “With this year's ranking, fortified by similar rankings from other leading publications, it is clear that the Greenville, NC MSA is a great place to grow a business. Whether you are a new start up business or a global industry leader, you will find your business in good company in the Greenville NC, MSA.”

Greenville is the 10th largest city in North Carolina and continues to be one of the fastest-growing cities in the state. With a large university, major medical center, and outstanding retail opportunities, Greenville is the capital of East Carolina. Greenville has recently been featured high in the rankings for *Forbes Magazine's Best Small Places for Business and Careers*, Milken Institute's *Best-Performing Cities Index*, and America's Promise Alliance's *Best Communities for Young People* as well as *Best Performing Small Cities*, *Best Cities for Job Growth*, and the *Top 10 Micro Cities of the Future*.

For more information about Greenville's growing economy and business opportunities, please contact Economic Development Officer Carl Rees at 252-329-4510.

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