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Small Business Survival Index 2009 Ranks Nevada 2nd Most Entrepreneur-Friendly State in the Nation | December 15, 2009

The Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council (SBE Council) recently announced what the Nevada Development Authority and local entrepreneurs have known for years – Las Vegas is open for business with one of the best business climates in the U.S.! The SBE Council released its 14th annual rankings of the states according to their public policy climates for small business and entrepreneurship in the “Small Business Survival Index 2009: Ranking the Policy Environment for Entrepreneurship Across the Nation.” Nevada was ranked as one of the states with the most favorable business climate, second only to South Dakota.

The “Small Business Survival Index” helps business owners and investors understand public policy burdens placed on entrepreneurship and small business and ranks each state accordingly. The factors included in the index and ranked individually for all states are taxes, various regulatory costs, government spending, property rights, healthcare and energy costs.

Contributing to Nevada’s business-friendly ranking are the state’s no corporate or personal income tax policies and low workers’ compensation fees, for which Nevada was placed at #10. Coming in at first place, Nevada was ranked as the state with the least full-time state and local government employees per 100 residents. Nevada was also among the top 20 states for the lowest amount of state and local property taxes, local government expenditures and local government five-year spending trends.

Now that you’re feeling proud of the state you do business in, why not brag a little? Please share this news with your friends and associates in other states by forwarding this email or sending them this link for the full report: <http://sbecouncil.org/survivalindex2009>.

Warmest regards,

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