



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WINS

Metal Shark Boats, Jeanerette Announced May 2012
\$1.9M expansion to build 500 Coast Guard boats; 106 new, 75 retained jobs

Maritime International, Broussard Announced November 2011
\$8M manufacturing expansion; moving from China; 90 direct jobs

Schumacher, Lafayette Announced July 2011
\$19M headquarters expansion; 600 new direct jobs over 5 years

CARBO Ceramics, New Iberia Announced May 2011
\$17M expansion; 40 new jobs; 75 retained

RANKINGS

#2 of Top 10 U.S. Metros for Community Optimism, with 75.8% saying their area is getting better as a place to live
Gallup, March 2012

New Iberia tied for 21st Micropolitan for Business Investment
Site Selection's 2011 Governor's Cup, March 2012

University of Louisiana at Lafayette named to the 2012 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll
Corporation for National & Community Service, March 2012

Largest percentage increase in real median annual household income of 297 metros between 2007 and 2010, with an increase of 12.2%
Wall Street Journal and Sentier Research, February 2012

2011 Louisiana Airport of the Year
Federal Aviation Administration, December 2011

"Best Performing Small Metros, Summer 2011" for job growth
Headlight, November 2011

#11 of 366 U.S. metros for per capita income growth, averaging 4.94% a year from 2000 to 2010
The Business Journals On Numbers, October 2011

"15 Cities with the Fastest Economic Growth" - 6th of 366 metros for 2010 real GDP growth of 8.3%
Business Insider and U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, September 2011

Among Top 100 Places to Live based on housing, economic health, safety and community input
RelocateAmerica, August 2011

Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce honored as the National Chamber of the Year
American Chamber of Commerce Executives, August 2011

#3 "Best Small City for a Weekend Getaway"
AAA Southern Traveler Magazine, July/August 2011

Acadiana Technical College (Lafayette Campus) featured in "Top 100 Associate Degree Producers"
Community College Week, June 2011

41st of 363 metros for average annual growth of 5.8% (2000-2010) in the U.S. Metro Economies Report; 44th for real gross metropolitan product growth of 1.5% from 2007-2009 (U.S. and combined metros down 1.3%)
U.S. Conference of Mayors, June 2011

Lafayette Parish named in Louisiana as one of "America's Best Affordable Places 2011"
Bloomberg Businessweek, May 2011

Featured among 10 Places in the South where digital media industry sector is successfully doing business
Southern Business & Development, Winter (April) 2011