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# Have You Heard?

## Houston Region Holds Steady Among the Best!

### North American Cities of the Future

Houston took the number three spot in *fDi Magazine's* North American City of the Future 2009/10 Awards. The ranking is based in part on the large number of foreign direct investment (FDI) and out of the city projects, the number of megaprojects, as well as its large base of post-secondary students.

In the same awards, Houston ranked as follows in the Major Cities category:

- #1 TOP FIVE BEST BUSINESS FRIENDLINESS;
- #2 TOP FIVE BEST FDI STRATEGY;
- #4 TOP FIVE BEST INFRASTRUCTURE;
- #5 TOP FIVE BEST ECONOMIC POTENTIAL; and
- #5 TOP FIVE BEST HUMAN RESOURCES.

### Fastest Cities

*FastCompany* magazine has named Houston one of the country's fastest cities – noted for “their exemplary initiatives” in “improving neighborhoods, transforming lives, and helping build better, faster cities for the future.” Houston got big kudos for Discovery Green.

### Fortune 500

The Houston region has placed 29 companies on this year's *Fortune Magazine's* list of the 500 largest corporations in America. That's up from 26 last year! Houston now shares the number two spot with Chicago for metros with the most *Fortune* 500 headquarters!

### Way to go Houston!