

Per *fDi Magazine*, Greenville is ranked the No.1 "**micro cities of the future**" for 2009 - 2010. This ranking is based on several criteria including economic potential, human resources, cost effectiveness, quality of life, infrastructure, business friendliness and promotion strategy.

The magazine, which follows issues that concern foreign investors, says in its April/May issue that Greenville has the top economic potential of any North American city of its size and the second-best business climate behind Wilmington, Del. Nancy Whitworth, Greenville's economic development director, quoted the ranking recognizes the community's work to ensure the city's reputation for a good business environment, particularly international investment.

Hank Hyatt, the Greenville Chamber's vice president of economic development, agreed. "*We already have the strength in international investment in the Upstate.*"

The magazine said its judging criteria for economic potential includes population forecast, unemployment rate and foreign-direct investment, including projects within the high tech service and manufacturing sectors.

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