

Nebraska is No. 3 in list of business-friendly states

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For the sixth year in a row, Nebraska has been named one of the Top 10 most business-friendly states in a national ranking by Pollina Corporate Real Estate Inc.

The Cornhusker State this year dropped one spot, to third.

Utah was first, and Wyoming was ranked second.

In determining the most pro-business states, the Park Ridge, Illinois-based Pollina firm looked at 32 factors controlled by state government, including taxation, human resources, infrastructure, economic incentive programs and state economic development efforts.

Brent Pollina, co-author of the report, said Nebraska officials “get it” and are working “hard and smart” to develop an economy that will work for both corporations and citizens.

“The governor and the Nebraska State Legislature recognize that in today’s highly competitive global economy, state leadership must work outside of the traditional economic development box if they are to provide their constituents with a robust economy,” Pollina said.

The state received A’s for low unemployment, favorable regulatory environment, transportation infrastructure and right-to-work status.

Said Gov. Dave Heineman: “Nebraska’s continued high ranking in this study reflects the ongoing work of the state and its partners to recruit and retain jobs and investment. We still have work to do, but I am pleased to receive this recognition.”