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### **Pima County Named #1 Mid-Sized County in the Country for Business Recruitment & Attraction**

Tucson, AZ (June 27, 2007) – Expansion Management magazine has released a list of the top cities in the country for business attraction and the Tucson MSA (Pima County) was ranked #1 for business recruitment and attraction in the mid-sized communities category. In addition, the City of Tucson was ranked the #5 mid-sized city for recruitment and attraction. Several other cities throughout the state also received high rankings, leading to Arizona being ranked #1 state in the country for business recruitment and attraction.

This is the first annual list of the top cities for business attraction by Expansion Management, a national business magazine for site selectors and corporate real estate professionals.

The rankings are based on NPRC analysis of the relocation activity of 19 million companies over the past eight years, which determined the most popular commercial relocation destinations.

More specifically they are based on the number of business establishments (headquarters, subsidiaries, independents) that relocated to another market during the most recent 8-year period and still survive today, as a percent of all business establishments in the market, and the number of branches opened during the most recent 8-year period and still survive today, as a percent of all business establishments in the market. To end up with a high overall rank, a place must have a relatively high percentage of business facilities that have physically relocated to the place.

“These rankings provide validation that the Tucson region has really been put on the map for successful economic development efforts,” said Joe Snell, TREO president & CEO. “This type of recognition in a national publication is sure to get more site selectors thinking about Tucson for future expansions and relocations.”

[Click here](#) to read the full article and press release.

#### **About TREO (Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities, Inc.)**

TREO's mission is to provide insight, infrastructure, resources and development efforts to accelerate economic prosperity throughout the Southern Arizona region. Combining programs and services into one organization, TREO supports the creation of new business, the growth and expansion of existing businesses, and the attraction of companies that offer high-impact jobs and share the community's values. For more information, visit [www.treoaz.org](http://www.treoaz.org).