As we celebrate six decades of service to the Sioux Falls area—six decades of consistent growth in our economy—it's easy to pick out key events that fueled the development of Sioux Falls and the Development Foundation itself. From our founding by far-sighted community leaders in 1954, to the decision in the early 1970s to bring the EROS Data Center to Sioux Falls, to the establishment of the first Sioux Empire Development Park, the Development Foundation has helped to find new directions for growth.

During the 1980s, the Development Foundation again led the way, working with Citibank to put us on the map as a national financial center. As the Sioux Empire Development Parks grew, so did the diversity and strength of our regional economy. Forward Sioux Falls, the economic development partnership with the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, increased our national visibility and assured the continued expansion and relocation of new companies in Sioux Falls. The construction of the Technology Business Center is part of an enhanced technology sector, a vital element in a vibrant local economy. Thanks to the strong growth of our regional health care systems, we are now a medical and research destination. And throughout the past decade, quality of life additions to our community have helped to keep our population growing, adding to our customer base, our talent pool and our innovative business development.

Throughout those six decades of growth, the Sioux Falls Development Foundation, in partnership with the business community, local and state government and our surrounding communities, has been a force for prosperity.

But looking back is not what we're about.

Your Development Foundation has always been about the next phase in our economic development story, working for an even brighter future for our area and an ever stronger economy. The Sioux Falls Development Foundation is celebrating sixty years of service to the Sioux Falls area—and already looking ahead to the next sixty years.

Our future is filled with limitless opportunities—and that really is something to celebrate!

— W. Tom Simmons
2014 at a Glance
Year to Date (January-October)
Total Value of Construction $522,497,182
Number of Building Permits 13,642
Capital Investment $194,800,000

Sioux Empire Development Park Statistics
Number of Businesses 140
Employment in the Parks 12,900
Total Acreage 1,351

Our Mission
To be the leader in creating quality economic growth in the region.

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2014 Groundbreakings

Hosted by the Sioux Falls Development Foundation

Fire Station #11, May 5

Susan B. Anthony Elementary School, May 8

Xcel Energy Falls Substation, June 17

Spellerberg Park Indoor Aquatics Center, August 11

Huether Family Match Pointe Community Tennis Center, September 16

Sunset Villas, October 6
South Dakota Technology Business Center 2014 Highlights

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Eight companies participated in the Center’s 2014 Business Launch Boot Camp and Accelerator Program: AMI Inc., Credentialing USA LLC, Picki, ODIN Hunting Products Inc., The Weston Group, SPACT (Security Printing and Anti-Counterfeit Technology), 7400 Circuits and Global Thinking Laboratories. Sponsored by Forward Sioux Falls and GOED through an SBA FAST Grant, the Boot Camp and Accelerator is a six-month entrepreneurial development program helping companies launch and grow sales. Participants competed for a pool of $92,500 in project funding to help accelerate their growth.

National Marketing Program 2014 Report

National decision makers and corporate executives are increasingly aware of the business advantages of a Sioux Falls location, thanks to the efforts of our National Marketing Committee with assistance from a New York consulting firm. The firm, contracted by Forward Sioux Falls, pitched stories to national magazines, newspapers and online news sources during 2014 promoting Sioux Falls. The total reach of these stories, in publications that include The Economist and The Atlantic, is 435.7 million readers, with an advertising equivalency of $1.3 million so far this year.

Equally important are the accolades our community, our region, our local businesses, our educational institutions and our state receive as well as organic media stories. Stories and accolades in USA Today, Time magazine, on CNN and Fox News, online at Forbes.com, Google, CNBC and Bankrate.com reach hundreds of millions more readers and viewers on a national and global basis. Priceless!

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Industrial and Warehouse Development

Abilene Machine purchased land near 60th Street North and Cliff Avenue to replace their Iowa operations. Construction wrapped up this fall on the $2.1 million, 25,000 square foot warehouse, office and retail showroom facility. Abilene created a dozen new jobs in the community.

Aeronics, a gas detection equipment manufacturer, purchased a facility at 3601 North Saint Paul Avenue. The company relocated from Texas earlier this year.

Ag Growth International purchased land in the Jansmick Industrial Park for a new Hi Roller production facility. The 120,000 square foot facility, scheduled for completion in spring of 2015, will house all production and office operations and represents a nearly $15 million investment. Approximately 30 new jobs will be added.

ALCOM, LLC, a Maine-based manufacturer of aluminum trailers expanded operations to Sioux Falls this past spring. Alcom operates out of a 54,000 square foot building at 501 East 52nd Street North. The company plans to have over 75 employees by the end of the year and create up to 180 jobs over the next few years.

Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc., a national distributor of roofing and building products, opened a Roof Depot showroom and distribution center in the former postal service building at 630 South Cliff Avenue. The company employs a dozen people at the facility.

A 40,000 square foot freight terminal for Con-way Freight on nine acres near 60th Street North and Cliff Avenue was completed earlier this year.

Concrete Materials completed a new $3 million headquarters facility adjacent to their quarry on West Madison Street earlier this year. The facility consolidated administrative staff into one facility and provides a training center and fitness center for their employees.

Creative Surfaces completed a $1 million expansion that included additional warehouse space and a paint shop. The expansion provided room for a dozen new employees.

Operations were consolidated earlier this year when construction wrapped-up on Dakota Beverage Company’s nearly 100,000 square foot warehouse and office facility near 54th Street North and Cliff Avenue. The facility represents a $7.4 million investment.

In January, Electric Construction Co. moved from East 17th Street to a new shop/warehouse facility located on two acres at 3413 North Potsdam Avenue.

FedEx, located at 4401 East Producer Lane in Sioux Empire Development Park VIII, is expanding with a $1.2 million, 18,473 square foot addition.

Interstates Companies, an Iowa-based electrical design, construction and control systems firm, expanded their Sioux Falls office with the purchase of the 4701 West Research Drive building owned by the Sioux Falls Development Foundation. The firm expects to create nearly 60 new jobs in the area over the next five years in electrical engineering, computer programming, IT and control system design.

Senproco purchased 6.5 acres in the Jansmick Industrial Park for a new 55,000 square foot facility. Scheduled for completion in March of 2015, the new location represents a $6.75 million investment and provides the capacity to double the size of the building in the future.

Spee-Dee Delivery is the newest tenant in Sioux Empire Development Park VII in northwest Sioux Falls. The company’s 30 employees relocated to a newly constructed $1 million, 18,000 square foot distribution center earlier this year.

Sprenger Midwest constructed a two-story addition to their facility at 14th Street and Fifth Avenue. The $1.1 million, 8,000 square foot addition serves as corporate headquarters for the wholesale lumber company.

TJN Enterprises purchased 25 acres from Xcel Energy just off East Rice Street to house their expanding metal recycling facility. The nearly $15 million project includes an 80,000 square foot processing facility, office building and outdoor storage. The expansion will create up to 20 new jobs.

Westland Manufacturing completed two expansions recently, totaling 20,000 square feet of additional space for the metal fabrication manufacturer.

Xcel Energy will spend $67 million on upgrades over the next two years; including steel transmission structures, a renovated substation at 9th and Kiwanis and the new Falls Substation occupying 15 acres of the historic Stockyards site.
Construction started earlier this year on the new $5 million hotel located at the Sioux Falls Regional Airport. The AeroStay will include 79 rooms and is scheduled to open May of 2015.

AutoZone built a second store along West 41st Street. The 15,000 square foot facility opened earlier this year with a mini distribution hub/commercial department to supply area auto repair shops.

Avera McKennan opened a $2.7 million outpatient dialysis center, hiring two dozen people to staff the 11,000 square foot center located in Plaza 3. Avera completed a 47,000 square foot, $11.5 million clinic on the southwest corner of 69th Street and Cliff Avenue, and broke ground October 2013 on the $21.8 million Avera Prince of Peace Nursing Home project. The two-story, 121,000 square foot facility will replace the current facility with private rooms and a wing of assisted living. Completion is slated for spring of 2015 at which time the current facility will be converted to provide other services.

A new Comfort Inn & Suites opened in April at 3721 West Avera Drive. The 77 room, four-story hotel employs over 20 people.

The Country Club of Sioux Falls, formerly Westward Ho, broke ground earlier this year on a new 35,000 square foot clubhouse. The facility is expected to be complete by summer of 2015.

Dakota Lodge, the former Brimark Inn on West Russell, underwent a $1 million renovation and waterslide/pool addition.

A new office facility near 41st Street and Sycamore Avenue was constructed to house the growing practice of Dental Comfort Center. The new $1.1 million building provides 5,700 square feet of space on the main floor with additional space in the lower level for the practice.

DocuTAP leased space in the former CNA building in downtown Sioux Falls. The facility, now called The Plaza, underwent over $5 million worth of renovations and provides additional room for the growing firm.

A multiphase development project is underway on the national campus of the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society. Phase I, scheduled for completion this year, includes renovation of the Jerstad Building into office space. An 80,600 square foot office facility called the Ryan building, scheduled for completion in March of 2016, encompasses Phase II.

A new microbrewery is in the process of opening at 1400 East Robur Drive in northeast Sioux Falls. Fernson Brewing Company will operate out of a 12,000 square foot facility that will house a 30-barrell brewing system with seating for 150 in the taproom.

First Dakota Title, located at 14th and Main, wrapped-up construction earlier this year. The addition of another level provided 10,000 square feet more space for their operation and that of the Hagen, Wilka & Archer law firm which shares the building.

Work continues on a second location for First Savings Bank near 69th Street and Western Avenue. The $2 million, 7,000 square foot full service bank will include room for some of the bank’s corporate staff. Construction started this summer and the facility will open early 2015.

The first floor of The Plaza, the former CNA building, will be home to the downtown offices of Frontier Bank. Banking services at Frontier’s second location will be provided by a half-dozen staff members.
By the end of 2015, roughly $20 million will be invested in area golf courses and fitness clubs with the establishment of the GreatLife Malaska Golf & Fitness Club venture. The venture encompasses improvements and renovations at Woodlake Tennis & Fitness Center with a $1.5 million, 20,000 square foot addition; EmBe; Bakker Crossing, and a new 16,000 square foot clubhouse at Willow Run Golf Course.

Development started this past spring on the Heather Ridge Office Park at 6320 South Western Avenue. The development will consist of three 10,000 square foot office buildings. Wells Fargo Advisors’ 20 employees occupy the majority of the first building.

The area’s first LaQuinta Inn & Suites hotel opened in March on the site of the former Carmike Theatre. The four-story, limited stay hotel features 89 rooms with a staff of 35.

The Marketplace at Lake Lorraine, a 130-acre development, is under construction with Sioux Falls Lighthouse and The SandBar scheduled to open around the first of the year. The lighting/home furnishing store, and beach-themed restaurant, will be the first two retailers in the development that will include national and specialty stores, hotels, offices and housing.

Midcontinent Communications completed a two-story addition to their facility at 3901 North Louise Avenue. The 52,000 square foot addition provided room to consolidate staff and support continued growth.

Midwest Supply, a Hardware Hank affiliate, opened a 6,000 square foot hardware store in the Maple Street Mall development at 4110 West Maple Street earlier this year.

Montgomery’s Furniture expanded with a new addition, providing a total of 55,000 square feet of space at 1725 West 41st Street. The estimated $5 million project was completed earlier this year.

My Place Hotels entered the Sioux Falls market with a three-story, 64-room extended-stay hotel at 3005 South Carolyn Avenue. The facility opened early in 2014.

Nyberg’s Ace wrapped up an expansion of their store at 41st Street and Minnesota Avenue earlier this year with the addition of 7,000 square feet and increased staff.

Located near 49th Street and Louise Avenue, Plains Commerce Bank constructed a $3.5 million, 17,000 square foot expansion. The project provides room for additional tenants as part of the expansion and is nearing completion.

Raven Industries wrapped up construction on the major remodel and renovation of their headquarters facility in downtown Sioux Falls earlier this year. The LEED Gold certified project includes a rainwater capture system and riverside terrace.

Remington Pointe Retail Center, near 69th Street and Western Avenue, is home to a number of new retail and service establishments including Cheese World, Pita Pit, Beef ‘O’ Brady’s, Evolve Interior Design, 20/20 Eye Candy, Form Fitness Studio Plus Boutique and Dirt Road Diamond Boutique.

Sanford Health opened a 24,000 square foot, $3.3 million family practice and pediatric clinic adjacent to the Lewis Drug store at 69th and Louise Avenue in January. They teamed up to build a Home2 Suites by Hilton extended-stay hotel near their main campus. The four-story, 80-room hotel with kitchenettes opened in October and connects to the Sanford Heart Hospital via a $2 million skywalk. New offices for Sanford Behavioral Health in the Oxbow Center will provide room to expand services. Construction of the $25-30 million, 48,000 square foot Edith Sanford Breast Center will take place along 18th Street.

Construction wrapped up in May on the $25 million Scheels store remodel and 100,000 square foot expansion at the Western Mall. One hundred new jobs were created and the expanded store features a full-service restaurant and entertainment options including a Ferris wheel, shooting gallery and bowling alley.
2014 Development Spotlight

Construction work wrapped up on the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center. Grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremonies for the four-level, $115 million, 12,000-seat event center were held in September.

Westridge Mall is home to the new Shenanigan’s Pub. The developing retail center is located on the southwest corner of 26th Street and Ellis Road. The 9,000 square foot restaurant/pub opened in September.

The Shoppes at Dawley Farm Village development, located near Arrowhead Parkway and Highway 11, features Christopher & Banks, Kidtopia and GNC as new additions to the retail mix with a 50,000 square foot Burlington store under construction. A $2.5 million, 50,000 square foot Ashley Furniture HomeStore & Mattress Mart opened early 2014. Buffalo Wild Wings purchased land in the development for their third Sioux Falls restaurant.

The new Ashley Furniture HomeStore & Mattress Mart at Dawley Farm Village.

TownePlace Suites, a 92-room hotel at 6400 South Connie Avenue just south of 69th and Louise, is currently under construction.

Walmart purchased 16.5 acres of commercial land in Sioux Empire Development Park VII; owned by the Sioux Falls Development Foundation. Located near the I-90 and Marion Road Interchange, the 185,000 square foot, $15 million store opened in August, employing 250.

Northwest Walmart near I-90 and Marion Road.

Quality of Life Developments

Augustana College - Froiland Science Complex, $35 million, 41,000 square foot addition/renovation of the current science center

Carroll Institute - four-story, $3.5 million, 30,000 square foot facility to replace The Arch

Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls - $3.6 million Bishop Dudley Hospitality House

City of Sioux Falls - $5 million Elmwood Golf Course renovation; $1.7 million Fire Station No. 11; City Hall remodel; Lyon Park upgrades; preliminary site work for Spellerberg Indoor Aquatic Center; Bike Trail extension and access points

Good Earth State Park at Blood Run - continuing development of the 588-acre state park

Habitat for Humanity - $1.4 million, 20,000 square foot ReStore expansion

Huether Family Match Pointe Community Tennis Center - $3.8 million, 50,000 square foot facility at the Sanford Sports Complex

Ice Sports Association’s Scheels IcePlex - $9+ million facility featuring three regulation-size sheets of ice at the Sanford Sports Complex

Lutheran Social Services - expanded Center for New Americans

Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum & East Sioux Falls Historical Site - Mabel & Judy Jaspar Educational Center

SculptureWalk - 55 new outdoor sculptures exhibited throughout downtown Sioux Falls

Sioux Falls Catholic School System - addition to St. Katherine Drexel Elementary

Sioux Falls Christian - addition to school

Sioux Falls Area Humane Society - $1.2 million addition/remodel

Sioux Falls Regional Airport - $12.8 million project to include elevator/escalators, additional security checkpoint lanes and office relocation

Sioux Falls Schools District - $23 million George McGovern Middle School; $8 million Susan B. Anthony Elementary; $5 million Eugene Field A+ Elementary addition; $6.8 million Memorial Middle School addition; renovations and additions at Whittier Middle School, Garfield, R.F. Pettigrew, Hayward, Axtell Park, Discovery, Robert Frost, Washington High, Roosevelt High, Patrick Henry, Laura B. Anderson, Anne Sullivan, Hawthorne and Cleveland; $11 million Jefferson replacement

Southeast Technical Institute - laboratory building and Ed Wood Center renovation project; $18 million

State Theater - restoration of frieze artwork

Tea Area School District - elementary school

Trail Ridge Retirement Community - $10 million, 40-unit assisted living facility to include a wellness center, pool and kitchen; remodel of current assisted living facility into a memory care unit

Veterans Affairs Medical Center - Women’s health center

W.H. Lyons Fairgrounds - $300,000 Pipestone Discovery Barn

YMCA - $6.5 million renovation of fitness facilities and conversion to 55 affordable housing units
Agile Manufacturing LLC, a Granite, Iowa based manufacturer of material handling equipment for agricultural and industrial applications, is in the process of expanding operations to Worthing. The expansion will create ten jobs with the potential of more jobs in the future.

Construction continues on a three-story, 47-room hotel in Hartford, the community’s first. The new AmericInn is scheduled to open as early as February of 2015.

Carl V. Carlson is constructing a 20,000 square foot facility near Hartford to accommodate expanded services and the addition of pre-cast concrete pipe manufacturing. Cemcast Pipe and Precast, LLC broke ground in May and plans to be fully operational in 2015. The company will add approximately 20 new positions.

Construction is underway on a $35 million dairy in Lincoln County west of I-29 and the Viborg Exit. When operational in 2015, Dakota Plains Dairy will house 4,250 dairy cows and employ 35.

Canadian-based Marmen Inc, a world leader in high-precision machining, fabrication and mechanical assembly, began manufacturing wind towers at their 200,000 square foot Marmen Energy facility in the Brandon/Corson Industrial Park. The company purchased an additional 20 acres to store tower sections. Marmen plans to employ 250 when fully staffed.

Perfect Practice, a 60,000 square foot sports and recreation facility, opened earlier this year near the Harrisburg Industrial Park.

Rosenbauer America is constructing 22,000 square feet of additional space to assist with their growing global fire-truck manufacturing business. The company plans to add 30 new hires over the next three years. The facility and additional equipment represent a $2.5 million investment in Lyons.

Sanford Canton-Inwood Medical Center underwent a $6.6 million, 25,000 square foot renovation and an 11,000 square foot expansion with a new rehabilitation department, laboratory and lobby. Renovations include a new emergency department and mobile radiology suite, a new foot clinic area and meeting rooms for community education.

Specialized Machine LLC, a CNC machining and prototyping company, moved into a new 10,000 square foot facility at 46935 Cody Trail just north of Tea.
Other Developments

605 Running Company (Downtown), 9Round Fitness Kickboxing (57th Street), A League of Your Own (Downtown), Antique Market (Marion Road), B & F Fastener Supply (Rice Street), BackYard Grill (Western Avenue), Bad Habit Boutique (Empire Mall), Bed, Bath & Beyond remodel (Empire East), Bloom Sioux Falls (Downtown), The Book Shop new location (Park Ridge Galleria), Breadico (Downtown), Buche’s Bargain Butcher (West 10th Street), Capital One remodel (Sioux Empire Development Park IV), Canibou Coffee/Bruegger’s Bagels (East 10th Street), Destiny Family Medical Clinic expansion (Minnesota Avenue), Dollar General (West 12th Street), Don Dunham III Real Estate (Downtown), The Draft Grill & Bar (74th & Louise), Eileen’s Colossal Cookies (Western Mall), El Jalapeno Mexican Grill (Minnesota Avenue), Elofson (Indian Avenue), Express Employment Professionals (Kiwanis Avenue), Fiero Pizza (Downtown), Firehouse Subs (East 10th Street), Five Guys Burgers and Fries (49th & Louise), Francesca’s Collections (Empire Mall), Freedom Value Center (West 12th Street), Gold Elements (Empire Mall), Graham Automotive office addition (41st Street), Half Baked Cupcake Shop (Downtown), IFM Capital Advisors (Downtown), J&R Auto Sales/Quality Automotive Service (East 34th Street North), Jasper Stone B&B (Phillips Avenue), Jimmy John’s (East 10th Street), Jimmy’s Seaside Fries (Empire Mall), The Kory Davis Experience (Sharon Avenue), L Couture Boutique (Meadows on the River), LeeAnn Chin Asian (Empire Mall), Lick the Spoon (East 10th Street), Lot 2029 (Downtown), Macho Nacho Mexican Grill (East 10th Street), Man Salon (Arrowhead Parkway), Marco’s Pizza (Village on Louise), The Market expansion (Downtown), Mattress Firm (North Minnesota Avenue, Arrowhead Parkway, Western Avenue), Nelson & Nelson (Minnesota Avenue), Noodles & Company (Arrowhead Parkway), Original Pancake House expansion (41st Street), Panda Express (Arrowhead Parkway), Pickers Flea Market Antique & Collectible Mall (Shirley Avenue), Pizza Man (East 10th Street), PizzasRev (49th & Louise), Plan Administrators Inc. (Technology Drive), Potbelly Sandwich Shop (Western Mall), Prairie Berry East Bank (Downtown), Qdoba (East 10th Street), Ragstock (Empire Mall), Raymond’s Jewelers relocation/expansion (41st Street), RedRossa Napoli Pizza renovation (Western Avenue), Regus Group Cos. (Downtown), Ride Empowered (Marion Road), Simply Mac (Empire Mall), Sioux Falls Inn renovation (Russell Street), Sleep Number (41st & Louise), Sports Clips (Arrowhead Parkway), Strike Group Security Services, Style Encore (Louise Avenue), Taco Time (East 26th Street), Taphouse 41 (Western Mall), Thunder Road roller coaster addition (Kiwanis Avenue), Total Drag (Downtown), West 12th Pourhouse Kitchen (West 12th Street), Wheel City Auto (41st Street), Wine & Canvas (Village on Louise), Wingstop (Minnesota Avenue), Workplace I.T. expansion (Downtown), Yogurt City (41st & Western), Zesty’s Pizza (26th & Marion) and Zoup Fresh Soup Co (41st Street).

Space and deadline constraints do not allow us to list all developments.

Spirit of Sioux Falls Award

The Spirit of Sioux Falls Award is given annually to a person who has demonstrated leadership and commitment to the economic growth and development of our community. The award honors the memory of David Birkeland, Angus Anson, and Roger Hainje who perished in the plane crash along with Governor George Mickelson and other state officials and staff in April of 1993. Past recipients include:

1994 Al Schock
1995 Russ Greenfield
1996 Lyle Schroeder
1997 Curt Kuehn
1998 Charlie Kears
1999 Gary Olson
2000 David Christensen
2001 Jack White
2002 Tony Bour
2003 Linda Barker
2004 Steve Kirby
2005 Gov. Mike Rounds
2006 Tom Everist
2007 T. Denny Sanford
2008 Mark Griffin
2009 Jim Wilcox
2010 Steve Crim
2011 Steve Egger
2012 Sylvia Egger
2013 Larry Ritz

Spirit of Sioux Falls Scholarships

Each year the Sioux Falls Development Foundation awards up to four Spirit of Sioux Falls Scholarships to students who have completed at least one year of post-secondary work in business-related areas of study. The scholarships were established in 1993 to honor the memory of Roger Hainje, Angus Anson and David Birkeland. Four students have been chosen to receive the $2,500 2014 Spirit of Sioux Falls Scholarship:

- **Thomas Elness**, Augustana College, majoring in communications and business
- **Morgan Nelson**, University of Nebraska, majoring in finance and humanities in medicine
- **Meghan McCormick**, University of St. Thomas, majoring in general business management
- **Christian Swenson**, Southeast Technical Institute, business administration and construction management.
**2014 Accolades**

Sioux Falls ranked 1st in WalletHub’s 2014 ranking of the Best Cities for Wallet Wellness. (March 2014)

Sioux Falls was named the recipient of Google’s annual eCity Award for South Dakota for the second year in a row. (October 2014)

Sioux Falls topped the list of communities about which residents are most optimistic; and ranked 5th best “small” community and 22nd overall in terms of well-being according to Gallup-Healthways. (March & April 2014)

Sioux Falls is one of the cleanest U.S. cities in terms of ozone air pollution according to a study released by the American Lung Association. (April 2014)

WalletHub named Sioux Falls the 2nd best city for families. (June 2014)

Sioux Falls ranked 3rd within its population category, 4th regionally, and 11th overall in Area Development’s Leading Locations for 2014 report for economic and job growth. 379 metros are ranked across 21 economic and workforce indicators. (2nd Quarter 2014)

Sioux Falls was ranked 4th fastest-growing economy in the nation in a report published by the Conference of Mayors. (January 2014)

Sioux Falls was named the 5th “Best Small City for Business and Careers” by Forbes—ranking among the top cities for over a decade. (July 2014)

24/7 Wall Street reports that Sioux Falls ranked 5th in a study of cities with the lowest taxes released by the Office of Revenue Analysis of the Government of the District of Columbia. (February 2014)

Gallup-Healthways ranked Sioux Falls the 5th safest metro area based on residents’ response. Area residents were most likely to feel safe walking unaccompanied after dark. (April 2014)

Sioux Falls was ranked 8th out of the 25 best cities for an active retirement in a Forbes.com article. (May 2014)

Movoto.com named Sioux Falls among the “Best of the Midwest”—9th best place to live. (October 2014)

Sioux Falls tied for 12th best city for brand new college grads according to Business Insider. (May 2014)

Techie.com named Sioux Falls to their list of the ten most promising tech hubs of 2014. (January 2014)

Sioux Falls ranked 15th in POLICOM’s 2014 Economic Strength Ranking. (March 2014)

Sioux Falls was ranked one of the top 20 most romantic cities in the U.S. by Amazon, coming in at number 15. (February 2014)

Sioux Falls area drivers were ranked the 36th best in Allstate’s annual America’s Best Drivers Report. (2014)

In their second-annual ranking of the best small to mid-sized cities, Livability.com ranked Sioux Falls among the top 3 percent of livable communities in the nation. (September 2014)

24/7 Wall Street identified Sioux Falls as one of America’s 50 Best Cities to Live based on a number of variables. (September 2014)

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue made the list of the top 100 noteworthy fire departments in the U.S. per onlinedefiresciencedegree.org. (January 2014)

Lincoln County was ranked 8th out of 3,135 counties in the nation in terms of the best places to live according to a New York Times report. (July / 2014)

Lincoln County ranked 26th and Minnehaha County ranked 71st according to the U.S. Census Bureau’s list of the fastest-growing counties in the nation. (March 2014)

Sioux Falls Specialty Hospital and Avera Heart Hospital of South Dakota were listed as two of the best overall patient-rated hospitals in the nation. (January 2014)

Avera McKennan was again named one of the nation’s 100 Top Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics. (March 2014)

Sanford Health and Avera Health were listed among the 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Engagement by Becker’s Hospital Review. (May 2014)

The University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine was recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the nation’s most desired medical institutions by medical students, ranking 6th. (May 2014)

South Dakota was named the best state to retire by Bankrate.com. (May 2014) And the cheapest place in the country to live by Wall St. Cheat Sheet. (June 2014)

South Dakota was named the 2nd best state according to the 2015 State Business Tax Climate Index published by the Tax Foundation. (October / 2014)

South Dakota ranks 2nd in the nation for its fiscal condition according to The Mercatus Center at George Mason University. (January 2014)

The Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council ranked South Dakota the 2nd Best State Tax System in their Business Tax Index 2014 report. (April 2014)

Gallup-Healthways ranked South Dakota the 2nd best state in terms of well-being in their 2013 Index: State of American Well-Being and 2nd best state in terms of job creation in their 2013 Job Creation Index. (February & March 2014)

In their 2014 Annual State-Local Tax Burden Rankings, the Tax Foundation ranked South Dakota the 3rd lowest tax burden. (April 2014)

In a study of education in the U.S. conducted by BestEducationDegrees.com, South Dakota 8th grade students tied for 2nd in Science, 3rd in Math and 4th in Reading. In addition, South Dakota’s High School graduation rate tied for 8th best in the nation. (February 2014)

South Dakota ranked 2nd for economic well-being and 17th overall in the annual Kids Count report released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. (July 2014)

South Dakota ranked 5th in United Van Lines’ Annual Migration Study as a top moving destination during 2013. (January 2014)

South Dakota tied for 6th safest state in the nation according to research conducted by Movoto Real Estate. (July 2014)

Bankrate ranked South Dakota the 6th most affordable state for car owners. (August 2014) And South Dakota is ranked among the ten least expensive states as far as taxes, registration and dealer fees according to a Mojo Motors study. (June 2014)

Sioux Falls was named to Money Magazine’s List of the Nine Great Places to Retire. (October 2014)

South Dakotans are happy living here! South Dakota ranked in the top ten states whose residents wouldn’t leave the state if they could. according to findings from a Gallup poll. (April 2014)

South Dakota ranked 11th overall in CNBC’s ranking of America’s Top States for Business; 2nd for Business Friendliness; 6th for Cost of Doing Business & Workforce. (June 2014)