

Capturing the Business Climate Successes

Indiana Vision 2025 has been the driving force behind the Indiana Chamber's advocacy efforts since its formation in 2012. That focus carries over to this publication with now hundreds of stories profiling and documenting what it takes for Indiana to be a "global leader in innovation and economic opportunity where enterprises and citizens prosper."



The economic development plan and the annual Best Places to Work in Indiana program come together in this issue. The second driver of *Indiana Vision 2025* is Attractive Business Climate. It is the most broad based of the four drivers (see bullets below), focused on making sure Indiana is providing a good environment for potential success.

And what do Best Places to Work winners do? They take that strong overall environment, supplement it with outstanding internal workplace cultures and make the last four words of the *Indiana Vision 2025* mission statement – enterprises and citizens prosper – come to life.

Congratulations to all 125 Best Places winners. I hope to see even more applications and more winners in the years ahead!

As noted, the Attractive Business Climate of *Indiana Vision 2025* is complex. It measures:

- Government efficiency and effectiveness
- Legal and business regulatory environments
- Tax policies and user fee models for government services
- Health care, including costs and rates for smoking and obesity. A new goal measures opioid and other drug deaths and the efforts to combat that epidemic

We've said it many times in recent years – and will continue until action is taken: Our state fares well in many of these Attractive Business Climate metrics with the glaring exception of health care. Many programmatic efforts to reduce smoking and obesity are taking place. They require some common-sense policy changes to supplement those initiatives.

The next *Indiana Vision 2025* Report Card, evaluating Indiana's progress compared to the 49 other states, is coming in June with coverage in the July-August issue.

Thank you, as always, for reading *BizVoice*®.


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