

## RECENT OKLAHOMA CITY ACCOLADES:

**#1 Most Recession-Proof City** – *Forbes* (April 2008)

**#1 Lowest Unemployment of Metro Cities in U.S.** – *U.S. Dept. of Labor* (Oct. 2008 – Sept. 2009)

**#1 Place to Launch a Business** – *Fortune, CNN & Kaufman Foundation* (Oct. 2009)

**#1 Home Value Gains** – *Federal Gov't* (Aug. 2008)

**#1 Most Affordable Housing Market** – *Bizjournals.com* (March -2008)

**#1 Place for Retirees to find a job (second career)** – *U.S. News & World Report* (Jan. 2009)

**#1 Convention Proposal Requests % Increase** – *USA Today & StarCite booking data* (Feb. 2009)

**Top City for Finding a Job** – *U.S. News & World Report* (Aug. 2009)

**#2 Nation's 100 top Metro Cities for Economic Performance since recession began in Dec. 2008** – *Brookings Institute* (June 2009)

**#3 Most Cost Effective City in North America for doing business** – *FDI Foreign Direct Investment Magazine* (June 2009)

**#3 Strongest Economic Metro Area** – *Business Week* (Oct. 2009)

**#4 Best City for Commuters** – *Forbes* (Apr. 2008)

**#4 Least Stressful Cities** – *Bizjournals.com* (Feb. 2008)

**#6 America's Most Livable Cities** – *Forbes* (Apr. 2009)

**#7 Cleanest Cities in America** – *Forbes* (March 2008)

**#8 Best Places to Start a Small Business** – *Bizjournals.com* (Feb. 2009)

**#12 Best Places for Business & Careers** – *Forbes* (March 2009)