

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Ranks Albuquerque #2 Among Nation's Best Cities

Kiplinger's Personal Finance analyzed 258 metropolitan areas, including visits to the top ten finalists, before ranking Albuquerque as the nation's second best city for living and work. Huntsville, Alabama, with a large aerospace and missile-defense industry, ranked first.

In researching Kiplinger's Best Cities this year, the authors wrote "we still kept our focus on the best places to live. But we wanted to emphasize the best cities for work, too. So we have selected those that have stable employment rates in key job areas as well as provide new career opportunities. A premium was put on places that will lead the country in employment growth when the recovery takes off."

For a thorough view of Kiplinger's process and analysis, please see the lead story and associated features on www.kiplinger.com.

AED Chairman Don Power said "Kiplinger is a highly respected organization whose publications and website will introduce to a vast audience many of our region's strengths. We're thrilled for this ranking and thank the many business and governmental leaders who assisted in the ranking by communicating their respective experiences and stories to Kiplinger."

AED assisted Kiplinger Senior Editor Bob Frick with introductions to several key community and state leaders from the private and public sectors as well as providing background information. AED Director of Research Marisa de Aragón was Mr. Frick's guide for his driving tour and meetings in Albuquerque. In the Kiplinger podcast, Frick reports that he was impressed by the cooperation among various entities to strengthen the economy, and that Albuquerque is "a beautiful, wonderful place." Also featured in the podcast is an interview with Kiplinger's master demographer, Kevin Stolarick.