

Study Gives Delaware A+ for Small Business Friendliness

Division of Small Business, Development & Tourism hosting listening sessions statewide

WILMINGTON, Del. – Delaware received an A+ rating and ranked #2 out of 50 states in the [2017 Small Business Friendliness Survey](#) released on Thursday by Thumbtack, a web and phone application for small businesses.

Thumbtack [awarded the state A+ ratings](#) in 9 of 12 categories studied – most importantly in Overall Friendliness.

“Thumbtack’s study confirms what people living and working in Delaware see every day. This state is a great place for entrepreneurs and small business owners to succeed,” said **Governor John Carney**. “We continue to work to make Delaware an even better home for small business. Since taking office, my team has focused on this area of economic development with the creation of the Division of [Small Business, Development & Tourism](#), which will take Delaware’s support for small businesses and entrepreneurs to the next level.”

“The ranking reflects Delaware’s previous and continuing efforts to have a direct and immediate impact on small businesses through close working relationships with owners and entrepreneurs,” said **Cerron Cade, Director of the Division of Small Business, Development & Tourism**. “This is gratifying feedback from the community, and we are looking for even more as we continue to improve our approach to economic development.”

The Division is [hosting three listening sessions](#) Tuesday through Thursday – one in each county – to allow the public to share how the state can further support small business development.

Tuesday's study release also comes on the heels of the state launching its new [#OptionsInDE](#) campaign, which is highlighting the many reasons Delaware is an appealing location for business of any size to grow and thrive.

Between July and September of this year, Thumbtack surveyed more than 13,000 small business owners across 50 states and 80 cities to determine how easy government makes it to start, run and expand a small business. This is the sixth year the company has produced the nationwide survey.

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