

Who We Are

This web site is the creation of Peter Fisher, author of a book on state business climate rankings, *Grading Places: What do State Business Climate Rankings Really Tell Us?* The first edition of the book was published by the Economic Policy Institute in 2005, and an updated second edition was published in 2013 by Good Jobs First and the Iowa Policy Project. The web site is intended to replace future print editions of the book and is updated periodically as new versions of the state rankings are released and additional critiques are published.

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