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From education and agriculture to health care and technology, the business landscape in New Jersey is exceptionally diverse. In assembling the survey these results are based on, we knew listing the top contenders in each category — including college/university, patent, business incubator, airport, winery, cybersecurity firm, performing arts center and more — could not adequately capture it. But the survey did capture something.

The response by our readers was tremendous. Thousands submitted answers to the survey asking which companies should be ranked among the top three in their respective specialty. And that is what we present to you here: the best venture capital firms, the best research centers, the best physician groups and beyond, according to NJBIZ readers.

As a publication, we have a measurement of our own: the volume of responses we received from readers to our survey. We hope future editions also inspire such a passionate response, so NJBIZ can continue its goal of recognizing all the ways in which businesses form the unique identity of New Jersey.



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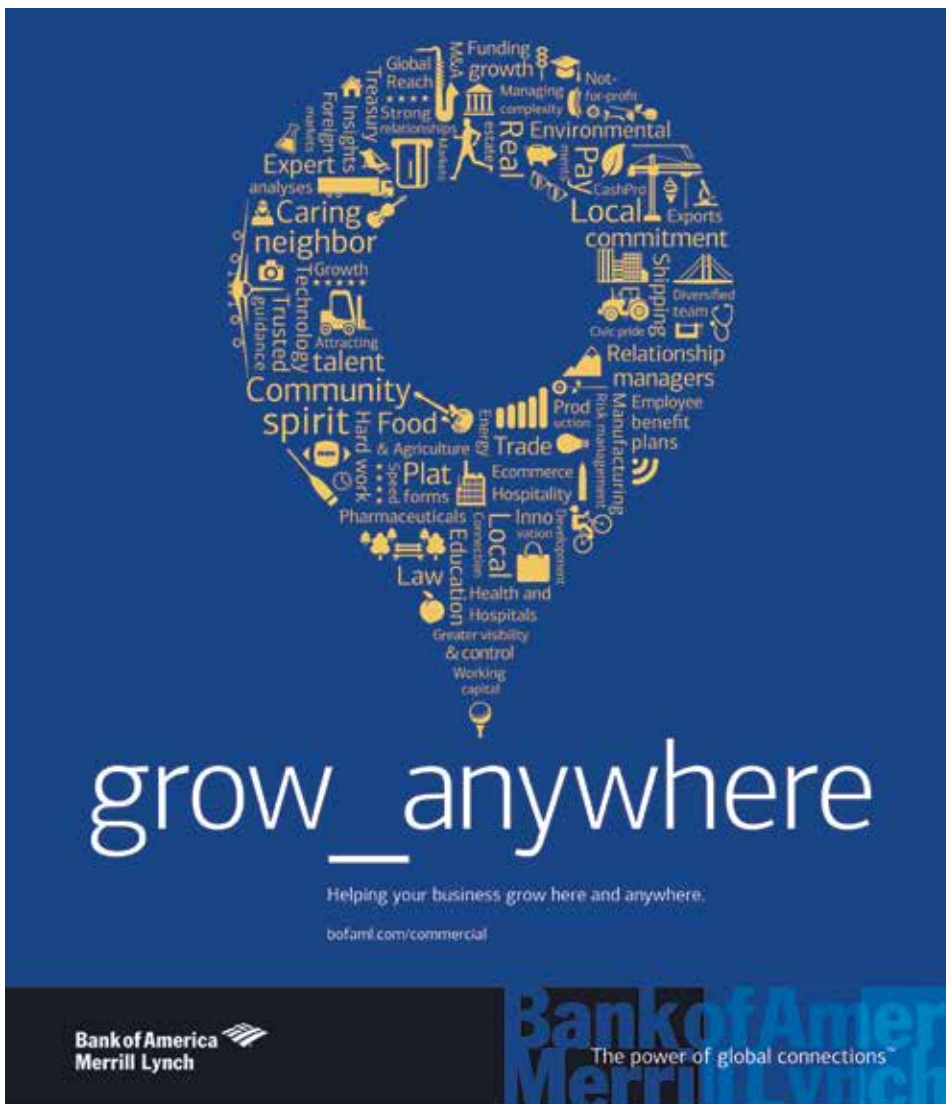
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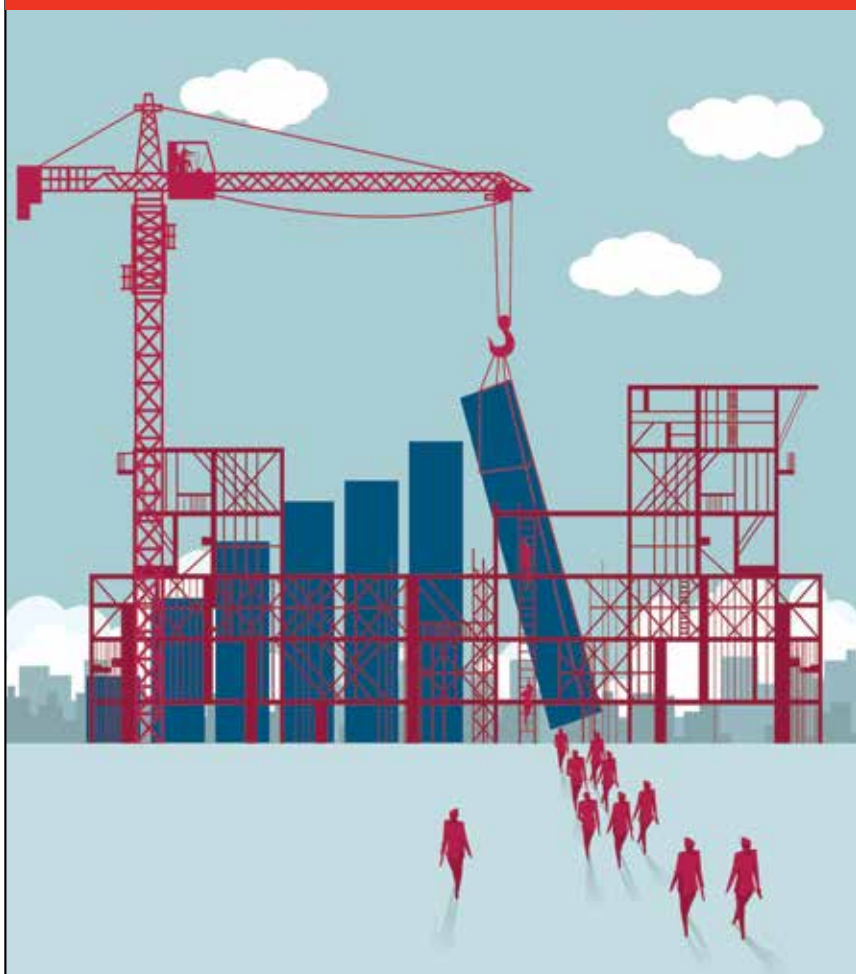
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2. PetAgree Pet Sitter LLC
3. Spin Doctor Laundromat

Best Women-Owned Business

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2. The Atlantic Club
3. Bayshore Family of Cos. (tie)
3. SHI International Corp. (tie)

Travel, Hospitality and Entertainment



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2. Trenton-Mercer Airport
3. Atlantic City International Airport

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1. **Flying Fish Brewing**
2. Triumph Brewing Company of Princeton
3. Trap Rock Restaurant & Brewery

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2. Prudential Center
3. Mayo Performing Arts Center

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3. The Heldrich Hotel

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2. The Newark Museum
3. Grounds For Sculpture

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