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In January of this year, Hemlock Semiconductor announced a \$2.5 billion, 500-employee solar energy products plant in Clarksville, Tenn. Pictured are Hemlock and Tennessee officials at the formal announcement. Without the assistance of Trade Allies such as TVA and its certified mega-site program, there is no way the project could have been completed. Other utilities and site consultants listed in the following pages have assisted in hundreds of successful job-generating projects in the American South over the years.

There are other professionals outside of economic developers that need to be involved in your project to see it through. These service providers to economic development agencies are what we like to call "Trade Allies." Southern Business & Development recently conducted a survey of our readers asking them to vote on the best three law firms, contractors, engineers, utilities, and site consultants as they relate to economic development matters in the South's 17 states.

The following directory lists in alphabetical order the top three vote recipients in each Southern state in the last two categories; utilities and site consultants. We published the results of the law firms, contractors and engineers survey in the last issue (Spring 2009). If more than three firms are listed it's because there was a tie in the voting for that state. If there are less than three companies or firms listed, it is because we didn't receive votes for others. We sincerely hope that the "South's Best Trade Allies" directory assists you in your efforts to locate or expand to the South, the world's fourth-largest economy.

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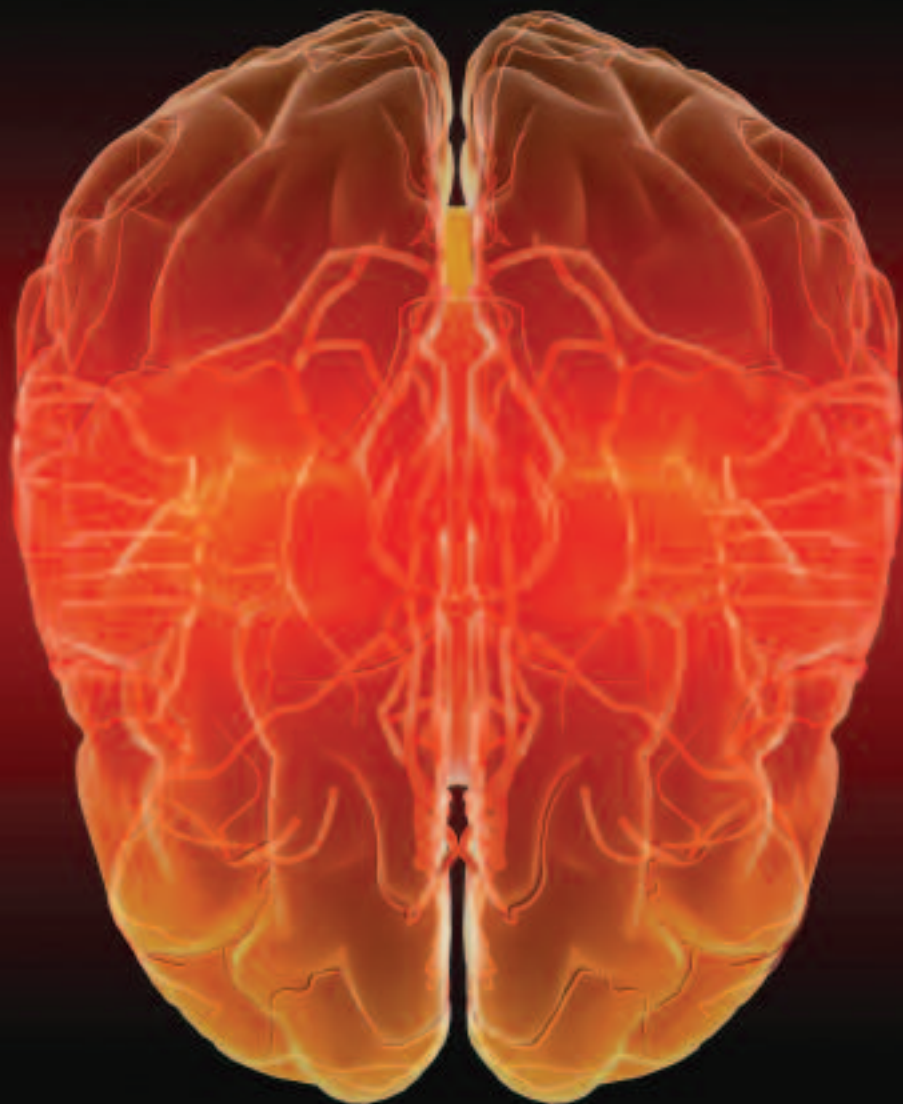
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