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### **BEXAR CO. JOBLESS RATE RISES TO 3.7 PERCENT**

*Workforce Solutions Alamo releases December 2016 Job Report*

**(January 20, 2017) San Antonio, Texas** – Workforce Solutions Alamo released information today indicating that the Bexar County unemployment rate shows rose to 3.7 percent for December, up from 3.5 percent in November.

Bexar County's unemployment rate registered equal to the overall jobless rate of 3.7 percent for the 12-county Workforce Solutions Alamo area, which includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina and Wilson counties. Gillespie County registered the lowest unemployment rate amongst the counties at 2.7 percent while Atascosa County registered the highest rate at 5.0 percent.

Comparing the Workforce Solutions Alamo metro area to the state and nation, the Texas unadjusted (actual) unemployment rate rose to 4.6 percent in December. The nation's unadjusted (actual) unemployment rate increased to 4.5 percent in December. Comparatively, the state and nation released seasonally adjusted unemployment rates, with Texas holding steady at 4.6 percent in December while the nation's unemployment rate rose to 4.7 percent.

*The mission of Workforce Solutions Alamo is to build a premier workforce in America by providing employers and residents with the opportunities, resources and services to develop and gain a competitive edge in the global economy. Workforce Solutions Alamo reaches over 8,000 businesses and more than 2.0 million residents in the City of San Antonio and the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Guadalupe, Gillespie, Karnes, Kerr, Kendall, Medina and Wilson counties. For more information on available workforce programs and services, visit our website at [www.workforcesolutionsalamo.org](http://www.workforcesolutionsalamo.org).*

*Note: Only the actual/unadjusted series unemployment rate estimates for Texas and the US are comparable to sub-state unemployment rates, taking into account seasonal changes. Adjusted rates are calculated by smoothing out the changes in unemployment due to the typical seasonal hirings and layoffs. Rates reported are estimates and changes in previously reported rates can occur with BLS readjustments.*

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