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**GUADALUPE CO. JOBLESS RATE RISES TO 3.5 PERCENT**

*Workforce Solutions Alamo releases December 2016 Job Report*

**(January 20, 2017) San Antonio, Texas** – Workforce Solutions Alamo released information today indicating that the Guadalupe County unemployment rate rose to 3.5 percent in December from 3.3 in November.

Guadalupe County's unemployment rate registered lower than 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 increased 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 rose to 4.7 percent.

*The mission of Workforce Solutions Alamo involves working to strengthen the Alamo regional economy by growing and connecting talent pipelines to employers. 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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