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**ATASCOSA CO. JOBLESS RATE DROPS TO 5.0 PERCENT**

*Workforce Solutions Alamo releases March 2017 Job Report*

**(April 21, 2017) San Antonio, Texas** – Workforce Solutions Alamo released information today indicating that the Atascosa County unemployment rate dropped to 5.0 percent in March from 5.3 in February.

Atascosa County's unemployment rate registered higher than the overall jobless rate of 4.1 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. McMullen County registered the lowest unemployment rate amongst the counties at 1.8 percent while Frio County registered the highest rate at 5.1.

Comparing the Workforce Solutions Alamo metro area to the state and nation, the Texas unadjusted (actual) unemployment rate went down to 5.0 percent in March, compared to 5.1 percent in February. The nation's unadjusted (actual) unemployment rate dropped to 4.6 percent from 4.9 percent in March. Comparatively, the state and nation released seasonally adjusted unemployment rates with Texas showing a slight increase at 5.0 percent in March, while the nation's unemployment rate fell to 4.5 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 hiring's and layoffs. Rates reported are estimates and changes in previously reported rates can occur with BLS readjustments.*

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