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**MCMULLEN CO. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE LOWEST IN ALAMO REGION AT
1.6 PERCENT**

Workforce Solutions Alamo releases April 2017 Job Report

(May 19, 2017) San Antonio, Texas – Workforce Solutions Alamo released information today indicating that the McMullen County unemployment rate is the lowest in the Alamo Region at 1.6 percent, compared to 1.8 percent in March.

McMullen County's unemployment rate registered lower than the overall jobless rate of 3.6 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. Frio County registered the highest rate in the region at 4.6 percent.

Comparing the Workforce Solutions Alamo metro area to the state and nation, the Texas unadjusted (actual) unemployment rate went down to 4.5 percent in April, compared to 5.0 percent in March. The nation's unadjusted (actual) unemployment rate dropped to 4.1 percent from 4.6 percent in March. Comparatively, the state and nation released seasonally adjusted unemployment rates with Texas holding steady at 5.0 percent in April, while the nation's unemployment rate fell to 4.1 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.

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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