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KERR COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT DECREASES IN NOVEMBER

(December 18, 2009) San Antonio – Kerr County's unemployment rate decreased in November according to labor market statistics released by Workforce Solutions Alamo. The county's jobless rate for the month was 5.6 percent, down from 5.7 percent registered in October after adjustments by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Kerr County's unemployment rate, meanwhile, registered below the overall jobless rate of 6.7 percent for the 12-county Workforce Solutions area, which includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina and Wilson counties. Gillespie County registered the lowest unemployment rate in the Alamo Area at 4.6 percent.

When the 12-county Workforce Solutions Alamo area is compared to the State and Nation, the Texas unadjusted (actual) unemployment rate decreased to 7.9 percent in November, down from 8.1 percent reported in October. The nation's unemployment rate decreased to 9.4 percent, down from 9.5 percent reported in October. Comparatively, the state and the nation released seasonally adjusted unemployment rates reporting decreases to 8.0 and 10.0 percent respectively for the month of November.

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 40,000 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 series unemployment rate estimates for Texas and the US are comparable to sub-state unemployment rates..