

## Bexar County added 4,350 jobs last year, study says

Bexar County added 4,350 jobs in 2015 as companies such as Alorica Inc. and Cytocentrics Inc. expanded in the area, according to a study published by the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation.

The jobs come with a total payroll of \$176 million, according the Institute for Economic Development at the University of Texas at San Antonio, which wrote the report. In 2014, the county added 4,762 jobs with a payroll of \$178 million.

"I think we're doing well, particularly with the influence in Texas of the oil industry going down. We're a diverse economy," SAEDF President Mario Hernandez said in a phone interview. "If the national economy keeps growing... then the (local) economy should stay fairly healthy."

Alorica, a California-based customer service and sales center company, announced plans last year to hire a total of 1,700 workers at its local facilities. <u>Cytocentrics</u>, a German biomedical firm, hired 300 workers last year, according to the SAEDF study, after the city awarded it an economic development grant to relocate its corporate headquarters here.

Other companies expanding in the local area last year included Indo-MIM, an India-based manufacturer, with 330 jobs at Port San Antonio; Advanced Integration Technology, with 200 jobs in aerospace manufacturing; and Amazon.com, with 100 logistics and distribution jobs, according to the study. Amazon recently opened a "sortation center" on the West Side to cut delivery times and ensure Sunday delivery for city residents.

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