

## **August 2015 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data**

Presented by TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar

- The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.1 percent in August, the lowest rate of unemployment for Texas since January of 2001.
- Texas has added 46,400 seasonally adjusted jobs so far in 2015 for a job growth of 217,700 jobs over the past year.
- The state saw a contraction of 13,700 jobs in August following four consecutive months of employment increases including a revised increase of 25,800 jobs in July.
- The Leisure and Hospitality industry saw job gains in August with the addition of 5,900 positions, marking its 50<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of job growth.
- Other industries which saw increases included Construction which gained 3,200 positions and Professional and Business Services which added 4,000 jobs.
- TWC has many opportunities for employers to continue to expand their pool of skilled workers through training grants. The Skills Development Fund, Texas' premier job-training program, meets local business needs through customized training opportunities to equip employers and workers with the skills needed to compete in the marketplace. Please contact TWC, your local Workforce Solutions Business Services Representative or your local community college to find out how to apply or visit [texasworkforce.org](http://texasworkforce.org) for more information.