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NEWS RELEASE

**RIO GRANDE CITY-ROMA RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TOP FIVE
FASTEST GROWING MICROPOLITAN AREAS IN TEXAS**

Starr County - July 14, 2010 - Texas Rising Magazine published by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Susan Combs, recognized the Rio Grande City-Roma region as one of the top five Texas' fastest growing micropolitan areas. This is a reflection of what is visible by simply driving through the center of each of these cities. Starr County is at the precipice of exponential growth, while working to overcome the same challenges the U.S. economy faces.

Our community continues to demonstrate its resilience and pro business culture.

We are ready for you! Why aren't you here?

Source: <http://www.texasahead.org/texasrising/tr1006/back.html>

**Small Texas Cities Grow at Rapid Pace
Texas' Five Fastest-Growing Micropolitan Areas**

Andrews, Texas, population 14,000, is the state's fastest-growing "micropolitan areas," which the U.S. Census Bureau defines as containing an urban core of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000. Andrews' population grew 2.9 percent from July 2008 to July 2009.

City	Population July 1, 2009	% Increase 2008-2009
Andrews	14,057	2.9%
Dumas	20,736	2.7%
Eagle Pass	53,203	2.6%
Mount Pleasant	30,206	1.9%
Rio Grande City-Roma	62,671	1.8%

