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## **City of Seguin and Guadalupe County Garner Statewide Honor**

City of Seguin and Guadalupe County have been selected as the 2012 winners of the statewide City-County Cooperation Award by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) and the Texas Municipal League (TML).

The city and county are being honored for their successful expansion of the Guadalupe Regional Medical Center (GRMC).

GRMC is the only remaining hospital in Texas jointly owned by a city and county. Originally built in 1965, the facility was struggling to meet the needs of the growing population – between 2000 and 2010, the population of Guadalupe County increased by 48%.

The GRMC expansion project was the result of a three-year strategic and master planning process, which concluded in late 2010. The project encompassed 141,000 square feet of new construction, 65,000 square feet of major remodeling, and technology upgrades. Patient care highlights include a 25-bed emergency department, 125 licensed beds, six state-of-the-art operating rooms, a birthing center, an endoscopy center, a new laboratory, a wound and hyperbaric medicine center, and a 64-slice CT scanner.

GRMC was recently named among America's 100 best Hospitals for Orthopedic Surgery by HealthGrades, an independent source of hospital quality ratings. In addition, GRMC is one of only three hospitals in the Austin and San Antonio regions with a 5-star rating for gynecological surgery for 2011, and the facility's birthing center received a 99 percentile ranking in overall patient satisfaction.

As the application for the award said, “from the delivery of babies to the care of the very elderly, the GRMC expansion project allows the City of Seguin and Guadalupe County to cooperatively offer quality medical services to its citizens well into the future.”

The project was chosen out of numerous applications submitted for the award, from cities and counties of all sizes.

The City-County Cooperation Award is sponsored by the Texas Association of Counties and the Texas Municipal League.

The Texas Association of Counties is the representative voice for all 254 Texas counties. The Association offers a variety of services that support county officials in their efforts to provide vital services to local residents as efficiently as possible.

The Texas Municipal League is a voluntary association of more than 1,120 Texas cities. Its primary objective is to serve the needs and advocate the interests of Texas cities, and it is the largest organization of its kind in the United States. The City of Seguin is a member of the Texas Municipal League.