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## **Forbes Ranks Fort Bend County 1<sup>st</sup> In Nation For Best Places To Get Ahead**

**(Fort Bend County, TX) February 2, 2010** – *Forbes Magazine* ranked Fort Bend County first on its list of the Best Places to Get Ahead. The list was based on a list of counties who experienced the most income and job growth over the past few years and was released February 1.

To find the best places to get ahead, Forbes looked at counties where the number of jobs had grown the most between the second quarter of 2007 and the second quarter of 2009 (the most recent quarter for which county-level statistics are available), using data from the U.S. Department of Labor. They also factored in the counties with the highest income growth as well, using median household income growth between 2007 and 2008, the most recent year that the data are available from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more information about Fort Bend County, including a complete list of its recognitions, visit [FortBendCounty.com](http://FortBendCounty.com).

### *About Fort Bend County*

*Fort Bend County is located in the Houston metropolitan area of southeast Texas. Its population is among the fastest growing in the United States and has been recognized among the most educated and diverse counties in the nation. According to the 2008 U.S. Census, Fort Bend County has more than 530,000 residents and is projected to grow to one million by 2017. Fort Bend's vibrant economy has also received national recognition. Fort Bend County is among the top 10 counties in the nation in terms of economic strength, according to Woods & Poole Economics, 2008. For more information about Fort Bend County, including a complete list of accolades, visit [www.fortbendcounty.com](http://www.fortbendcounty.com) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.*