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## **GVEC Celebrates the Grand Opening of Its New Western Operations Center**

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*Gonzales, Texas – May 25, 2011 – The Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative (GVEC) will hold a Grand Opening celebration this Thursday for their new Western Operations Center located in Seguin, serving primarily Guadalupe and Wilson Counties. Community business leaders, county and city officials, school board members and other government representatives from the area will attend the celebration.*

The program will include three guest speakers: GVEC General Manager and CEO Darren Schauer, GVEC Board President Lewis Borgfeld and Guadalupe County Judge Mike Wiggins. There will also be a wire cutting ceremony and facility tours for guests.

*GVEC members across the service territory will be interested in this information as they have read communications on the Center and building progress since November 2009. The Center is on track for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification and features renewable elements such as a rainwater harvester, photovoltaic solar panel system, and a wind generator.*

GVEC is an electric cooperative that serves over 67,000 meters across 13 Texas counties. The service area spans 3,500 square miles across South Central Texas. The headquarters is located in Gonzales, Texas with four area customer service offices in the cities of Schertz, Seguin, La Vernia and Cuero.

**WHO:** The Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. Attendees of the celebration will include business leaders, county and city officials, school board members, other government representatives from the area, and GVEC representatives.

**WHAT:** Western Operations Center Grand Opening Celebration

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** GVEC Western Operations Center – 6400 IH-10 West, Seguin