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Tenth District Services Activity Grew at a Much Slower Pace

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City released the October Services Survey today. According to Chad Wilkerson, vice president and economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, the survey revealed that Tenth District services activity grew at a much slower pace, while expectations for future activity remained steady.

"Overall, regional services firms saw growth in activity slow considerably in October," said Wilkerson. "Indexes fell for revenue/sales, wages and benefits, expenditures, and selling prices; however, firms still reported slight gains in employment and expectations held steady."

A summary of the survey is attached. Historical data, results from past surveys and release dates for future surveys are available at www.kansascityfed.org/surveys/services-survey/. The Kansas City Fed's monthly Survey of Tenth District Services provides information on several indicators of activity including sales, revenue, employment and capital spending, while identifying changes in prices of input materials and selling prices. Survey participants represent a variety of industries, including retail and wholesale trade, automobile dealers, transportation, information, high-tech and professional services, real estate, education, restaurants, health services, tourism and other services firms.

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