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SNAPSHOT **Texas Growth Conference Series**

Texas' outsized growth since the recession has been supported by a booming energy sector, strong exports and longer-term factors such as low costs of living and doing business. However, the recent fall in oil prices, a strong dollar and slowing growth in Asia and Europe loom over the state's prospects this year. How will Texas and its diverse regions respond?

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas is launching a conference series, *Sizing Up Texas' Growth*, examining economic trends and prospects for Texas and its major regions—South Texas, the Gulf Coast, West Texas and North Texas. Speakers will also address the national and global economies.

The initial one-day conference, "Vistas from Texas: An Economic Outlook," is sponsored by the Research Department's regional group and will be held at the Dallas Fed's Houston Branch on Aug. 7. Future installments of the series will rotate between the Dallas Fed and its branches in Houston, El Paso and San Antonio and will



feature topics of interest to the local area. In Houston, experts will discuss energy and trade and their importance for the region's long-term growth.

—Amy Jordan

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