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Recession and Regional Real Estate: Links and Disconnects. Barton Smith, May 8, 2008. This publication includes the text and graphics from the 2008 Spring Real Estate Symposium. This report focuses upon the counter-cyclical nature of Houston's economic performance and the extent that there will be an eventual local spill-over effect from the nation's real estate market woes, despite strong regional job growth. Dr. Smith compares the performances of the national and regional economies and real estate markets. Details of the IRF's analysis of home prices by location and property type are provided and compared with the performance of home prices elsewhere in the country. This report also discusses the likely duration of the current national economic malaise and its implications to asset markets in general and real estate in particular. Given the revised employment data for Houston, new HEMS model forecasts for population, employment and retail sales will be presented, along with the IRF's forecasts for most of Houston's real property markets.

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Market Corrections, Crises, and Collapses: History's Lessons about Remedies and Recoveries. Barton Smith, November 8, 2007. This publication includes the text of the 2007 Fall Economic Forecast Symposium along with all graphs included at that annual presentation. This year, Dr. Smith puts into historical context the recent financial crisis in the nation's mortgage markets in order to provide an understanding of its causes and ultimate cure. In doing so, he also distinguishes the differences that exist among urban markets in the U.S. and how Houston varies from many other cities during this housing market correction. As usual in the fall, the IRF's annual five year forecast is presented along with a detailed examination of the factors that can enhance or hinder the region's local economic performance.

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Houston's Twin Booms: "Energy and Housing" Will They Continue For Another Year? Barton Smith, May 8, 2007. This publication includes the text of the 2007 Spring Real Estate Symposium along with all graphs included at the annual presentation. This year, Dr. Smith examines the driving forces producing the region's unusually strong 2006 economic performance and likelihood that such growth will repeat itself again during the next 12 months. Much of his focus is upon the sustainability of the energy boom and the resilience of the local housing market to the correction currently underway in other urban areas. As in past years, this publication reports on the health of all key local real estate markets. It also analyzes the geographic dimensions of Houston's boom, identifying areas within Houston with the greatest upside potential and those facing the most significant risks.

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