The Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the Economics Department at Rutgers University, and the Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond are sponsoring a conference on Real-Time Data Analysis and Methods in Economics to be held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia on April 19-20, 2007. The purpose of the conference is to bring together leading researchers interested in all areas of real-time data analysis, including but not limited to topics such as real-time macroeconometrics, finance, forecasting, and monetary policy.

Those interested in presenting a paper at the conference are encouraged to send a completed paper or detailed abstract by November 1, 2006, to Tom Stark at tom.stark@phil.frb.org. Discussions are underway with a number of journals, including the Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, about the possibility of publishing a special conference volume (though authors would not be compelled to publish their paper in such a volume), and a variety of leading researchers in the area have expressed interest in taking part. Additionally, a summary of the conference will be published in the Philadelphia Fed’s Business Review. We will provide some travel expenses for paper presenters and discussants, following Federal Reserve guidelines. Conference details will be posted in due course on the websites of the conference organizers.

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