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NOTE TO EDITORS: An earlier news release named FDIC Chair Sheila Bair as keynote speaker. Due to a cancellation, FDIC Regional Manager Marlon Cook will serve as keynote speaker. An updated release news follows.

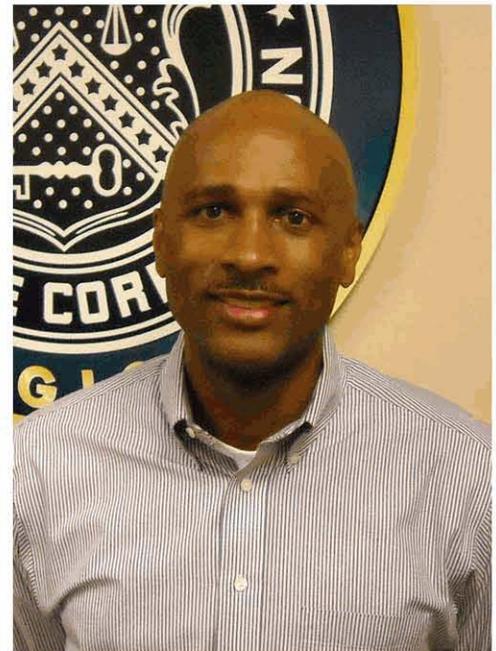
FDIC Regional Manager Marlon Cook to Keynote Coastal Economy Outlook on Sept. 30 Credit Markets, Regulation Focus of Seminar

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Regional Manager Marlon Cook will keynote the 2008 Coastal Economy Outlook, which will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at the Mobile Convention Center.

The event is sponsored by Envision Coastal Alabama, the University of South Alabama Center for Real Estate Studies, the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance.

A native of Washington, D.C., Cook is currently the regional manager for the FDIC's Division of Insurance and Research in the Atlanta, Georgia Regional Office. Prior to his current assignment, he was an assistant regional director for the Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection in Atlanta, with responsibility for risk management matters in the State of Georgia.

Cook joined the FDIC in 1985 and became a commissioned examiner in 1989. Between 1989 and 1996, he served as a commissioned examiner in the northeast and southwestern United States. He moved to the Atlanta Regional office in 1996.



FDIC Regional Manager Marlon Cook

He earned his bachelor of science degree in accounting from Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsville, Maryland, and is an honors graduate of the Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. Cook is also a 2007 graduate of the FDIC's Senior Executive Leadership Program.

Cook serves as a volunteer instructor for the FDIC's financial literacy program Money Smart, which teaches the fundamentals of personal finance to adults and school age children.

Other speakers will include Tim Russell, Alabama revenue commissioner; Bill Sisson, vice-president of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce; Robert Ingram, president and chief executive of the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance; and Dr. Donald Epley, USA distinguished professor of real estate and director of the USA Center for Real Estate Studies.

For more information about the Coastal Economy Outlook visit <http://cres.southalabama.edu/> or www.usacontinuing.com. Or call (251) 431-6536.

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