Moody's Economy.com Provides 10-Year Forecasts for 389 U.S. Cities

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WEST CHESTER, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--

U.S. communities and businesses need to look beyond the current economic downturn to their long-term growth prospects, according to Dr. Steve Cochrane, Senior Managing Director at Moody's Economy.com and the author of a new, comprehensive economic report covering 389 U.S. metropolitan areas.

"Moody's Metropolitan Comparative Advantage" analyzes the factors that will shape each metro area's outlook in the coming decade, and the opportunities and challenges that determine a community's comparative advantage. The report examines 40 different factors that go into each area's forecast, including demographics, workforce, income growth, education, business costs, and both residential and nonresidential real estate demand. Individual forecasts and analysis are provided for every major U.S. metro.

"It's critical to look at each metro area's prospects for future expansion, not just at the current business cycle," said Cochrane. "Even if the current news reports are overwhelmingly negative, business cycles rise and fall, and an area's comparative advantage will help shape its response as new cycles appear."

The report provides essential information for utilities planning long-term capacity; healthcare systems studying facility expansion; real-estate investors projecting future returns; or local governments assessing their region's transit and infrastructure needs.

Each report includes detailed historical and forecast data covering real gross regional product, employment, mortgage originations, bankruptcies, CPI, retail sales, net migration, house prices, home sales, housing affordability, and more.

"Moody's Metropolitan Comparative Advantage" is a 1,200-page report, and includes online access to the individual reports and forecast tables.

For more information visit: http://www.economy.com/dismal/article_free.asp?cid=104904 or www.economy.com or call 866.275.3266. A sample chapter is available.

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