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ST. LOUIS FED JOINS INTERNET RANKS

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ST. LOUIS -- The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis now has a server on the Internet's World Wide Web. The address is <http://www.stls.frb.org>.

Lora Holman, senior research coordinator of the St. Louis Fed, said "The U.S. economy is increasingly becoming a topic of interest. More and more individuals and organizations are finding that up-to-date financial and economic data are critical to their success. They can get that information from us on the Internet."

Holman said economic data on the Bank's Internet site are from its Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED) database. They include historical U.S. economic and financial data, featuring daily interest rates, monetary and business indicators, exchange rates and regional economic data for Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee. In addition, Community Investment Opportunities profiles for several cities in the District area are available from the Bank's Community Affairs Department.

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The St. Louis Fed's FRED database is also an electronic bulletin board, Holman noted.

"It can be accessed by calling (314) 621-1824. Software should be set to N-8-1 with modem speeds up to 14.4 bps. The service is free and available 24 hours a day.

"We're pleased to be a part of the Internet," Holman said. "People rely on us for financial and economic information. Now we're spreading that ability as far and wide as technology enables us."
