

# About Space: Economist will forecast goals

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Economist James F. Smith, above, former chief economist for the [Society of Industrial and Office Realtors](#) and the [National Association of Realtors](#) and consultant to the President's [Council of Economic Advisers](#), will be the keynote speaker at the Commercial Real Estate Council's 12th annual Forecast Conference at the [Skirvin Hilton Hotel](#) on Tuesday. "Forecast 2009: Straight Shootin'" will begin with registration at 11 a.m. and conclude with a cocktail hour at 4:15 p.m. A panel of local experts will answer questions. Register and pay online at [www.crecokc.com](http://www.crecokc.com) or by calling 842.3301.

## Realtor joins 'Global Elite'

**Bob Sullivan**, above, owner and chief executive of Oklahoma City's [NAI Sullivan Group](#), recently was named to the NAI Global Elite, top performers and producers, by [Princeton, N.J.-based NAI Global](#). Sullivan qualified based on production in 2008. "While getting recognized individually is an honor, the entire [NAI Sullivan Group](#) deserves the spotlight," Sullivan said.

## Housing pick reappointed

[Gov. Brad Henry](#) has reappointed [Richard Lillard](#), above, of [Miami, OK](#), as chairman of the [Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency](#) for a term expiring May 1, 2014. Lillard owns [Richard S. Lillard Co.](#), which specializes in group benefits. He has served as an OHFA trustee since 2001. He has been director and chairman of the [Oklahoma Industrial Finance Authority](#) and the [Oklahoma Development Finance Authority](#). He also is a member of the [National Conference of State Housing Boards](#).

## Tax credit site offers tips

The [National Association of Home Builders](#) has a Web site that provides detailed information about the \$8,000 federal tax credit for first-time home buyers included in the economic stimulus legislation. The site is [www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com](http://www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com). In addition to being limited to first-time home buyers — or those who have not owned or co-owned a home for the past three years — the tax credit is equal to 10 percent of the home's purchase price up to a maximum of \$8,000; is available for homes purchased on or after Jan. 1 and before Dec. 1; does not have to be repaid; and has income limits of \$75,000 for single taxpayers and \$150,000 for married couples.

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