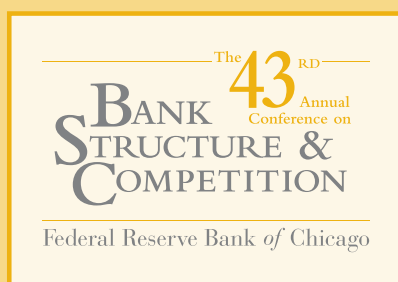


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## May 16–18, 2007



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