



The Edge

Information and news that gives you an edge in the real estate business.

THIS WEEK



- Houston Unemployment Nears Record Low
- Get the Facts on Flooding
- Earn Your Global Certification
- Embrace the Three Rs

“The Edge” is a weekly tool for managers to use to inform their agents and stay current and up-to-date with important real estate industry issues.
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Houston Unemployment Nears Record Low

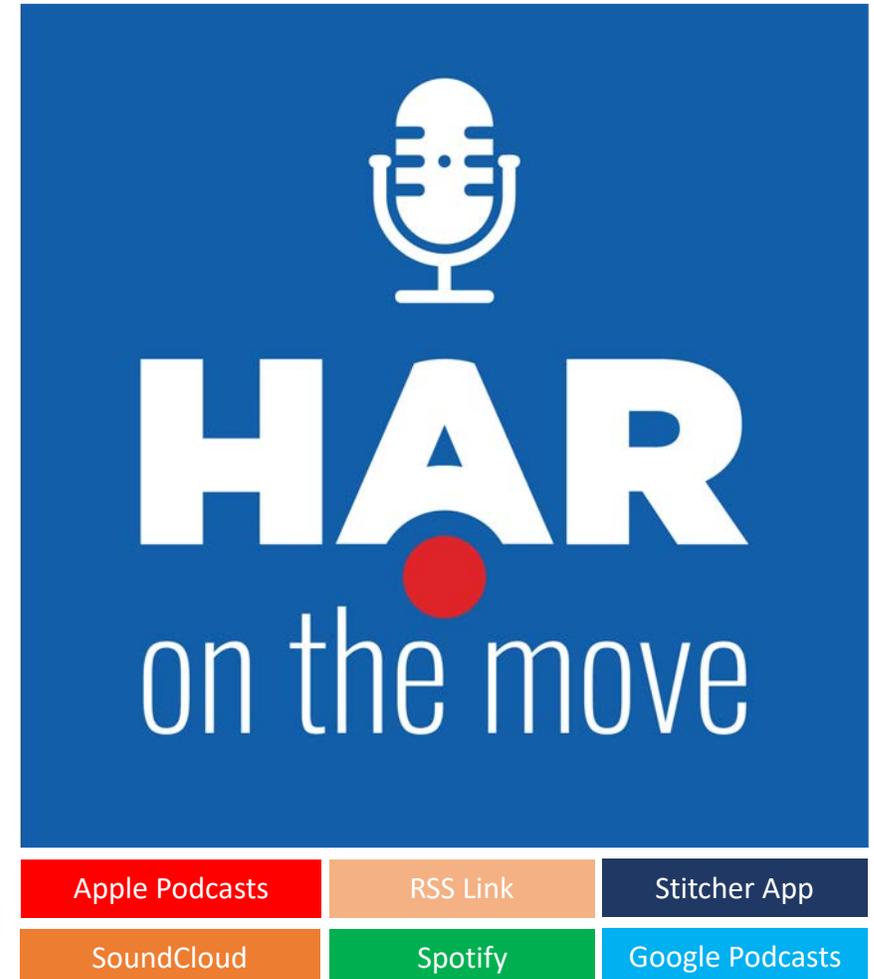


- The Houston economy is growing healthier by the day.
- The region's unemployment rate fell to 3.2 percent in April, the second lowest on record, according to new data from the Texas Workforce Commission.
- It was the lowest unemployment rate since Houston clocked 3.1 percent unemployment in April 1981.
- Over the last year, Houston has gained 86,200 jobs, a 2.8 percent increase.
- Job growth was boosted by new hiring in manufacturing, healthcare and construction.

Get the Facts on Flooding

- It may be hard to believe, especially after Hurricane Harvey and all the spring storms we've had, but out of the 28 million people who live in Texas, only around 750,000 have flood insurance.
- Hurricane season starts on June 1, and with a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance policies take effect, homeowners and renters who still do not have coverage may want to sign up soon!
- In this week's edition of *HAR on the Move*, we talk to **Gilbert Giron, Regional Flood Liaison with FEMA/Harvey**, and **Todd Ward with the Harris County Flood Control District**.
- They answer many questions about mapping, mitigation and other flood-related issues that affect all of us.
- Each week, the *HAR on the Move* podcast covers a variety of real estate topics that are valuable to our HAR members. Listen anywhere, anytime!
- **New shows come out every Wednesday!**

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Certified International Property Specialist (CIPS)

In this CIPS course, you will learn the critical aspects of international real estate transactions, including:

- Globalization of economics
- International capital flow
- Marketing & business planning strategies
- Roles and expectations in international transactions

This five-day training program will cover: Local Markets, Transaction Tools, The Americas, Europe, and Asia/Pacific International Real Estate



Dates: June 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11

Location: HAR Central

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Investment: \$749 members / \$799 non-members

Register [HERE](#) today!

Questions? Please call 713.629.1900 ext. 6



Embrace the Three Rs

OPERATING in the NEW ENVIRONMENT:



Thursday, June 13, 2019

Omni Houston Hotel
4 Riverway, Houston TX 77056

Breakfast Networking: 9 to 10 a.m.
Program (approved for 2 hours of CE): 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Individual ticket: \$25
Table of 6: \$150

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