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NEW PROJECTS

Project Management

University of Chicago
- Center for Care and
Discovery - Build-out

Cost Management

General Services
Administration
- Metcalf Building - 26th Floor
- HUD - Remodeling

Dear Edward,

Welcome to the most recent issue of our newsletter. This is an opportunity for us to share information about what's going on with our firm and staff.

It's Here! New Website Announcement

The Concord Group is pleased to announce the release of our new website. Designed with a fresh new look and user-friendly navigation, the website has been updated with the latest information about our services.

Whether you are looking for more information on our experience or services, or if you just want to know more about our team, our concise new website makes it easy to find just what you are looking for. One of our main goals was to build a user-friendly and simple to navigate site. The new design allows users to quickly find the contents on their computers, cell phones or tablets.

We hope that you will enjoy browsing our new site, finding more options and information each time, and that it will be yet another tool for strengthening our business relations.

Please visit our new site at www.concord-cc.com

New Logo Announcement

In addition to our new website, we are excited to share our new logo with you. The new logo represents the fresh new look of The Concord Group.

Our current logo has been used since our company's founding in 1996. With our growth and goals for the future, the firm decided it was time to re-design the "face" of the company.

- 536 S. Clark - DEA HVAC - Remodeling
- 610 S. Canal - CBP 8th Floor - Remodeling
- 610 S. Canal - ICE 7th Floor - Remodeling

Daley College Lounge - Renovation

Northwest Armory - Renovation

University of Wisconsin LaCrosse
- New Science Building

University of Chicago
- 5730 S. Woodlawn Renovation
- Harper Library ADA Ramp

New Trier High School - Addition / Remodeling

University of Wisconsin Hospital
- Vivarium Build-out

Northern Illinois University
- DuSable Repairs

Duhon Residence

Sparrow Hospital
- Rehab Expansion

Holiday Inn - Rolling Meadows - Redevelopment

Dana Thomas House
- HVAC Upgrades

Malcolm X School - Milwaukee
- GMP Verification

South Shore Cultural Center - Renovation

Real Estate Advisory Services

Cost Segregation
Sequel Youth Family Services
- Office Building Acquisition and Remodel

McKinley
- Professional Office Build-out

Storesafe
- Storage Facility

Mobile Mark
- Office/Manufacturing Acquisition and Remodel



Don't Forget to Follow Us:



The Concord Group Collaborates with DW Hammer, LLC

As a division of The Concord Group's services, DW Hammer LLC brings their extensive experience in corporate interior, mission critical, boutique retail and hospitality / restaurant projects. Together a unique team of professionals is in place to focus on project management projects.



Market Update and AIA Billing Index Update

In the March Architecture Billing Index (ABI), The American Institute of Architects (AIA) reported a downturn as billings at U.S. architecture firms showed a score of 48.8. As the end of 2013 showed weaknesses, the scores for January and February suggested it might have been because of the severe winter weather conditions, but the weak March reading indicated that there may actually have been a slow down in design activity. Additionally, the newly released Design Contracts Index which was created to measure volumes of the new work coming into architecture firms indicated a decreasing volume for January - March of 2014.

As shown in the charts below, firms in the Northeast and Midwest reported a decline in billings activity for March, while firms in the other two sectors of the country reported an index score of 50 or greater.

Kyle Estates
- Salon and Spa

Image Trend
- Office Building Acquisition
and Addition

Valley Sales
- Five Car Dealerships

Treasured Smiles
- Dental Facility

Hawley Street
- Dental Facility

Jake Lueder
- Dental Facility

Loan Monitoring

5/3 DeWitt
- Apartment Complex

5/3 Whitecaps
- Baseball Complex
Restoration

Staff Updates

New Employees
Chicago Office

Sean Sweeney
Junior Cost Estimator

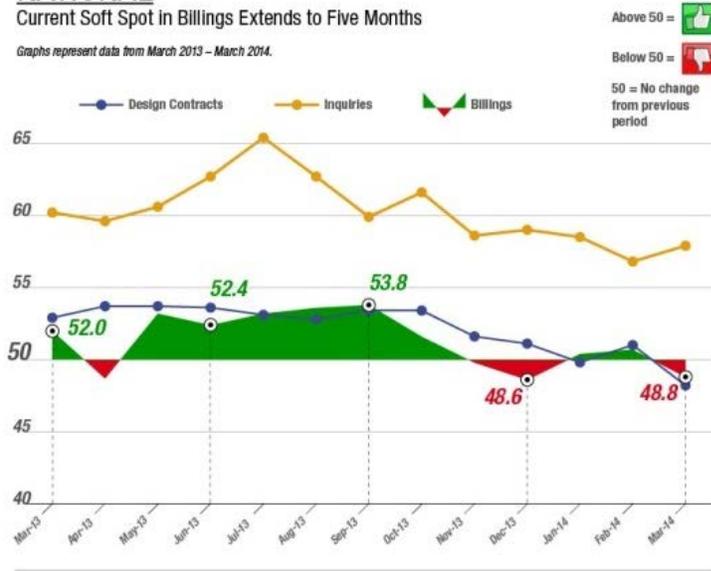
Milwaukee Office

Mila Merchan
Technical Assistant

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Current Soft Spot in Billings Extends to Five Months

Graphs represent data from March 2013 – March 2014.

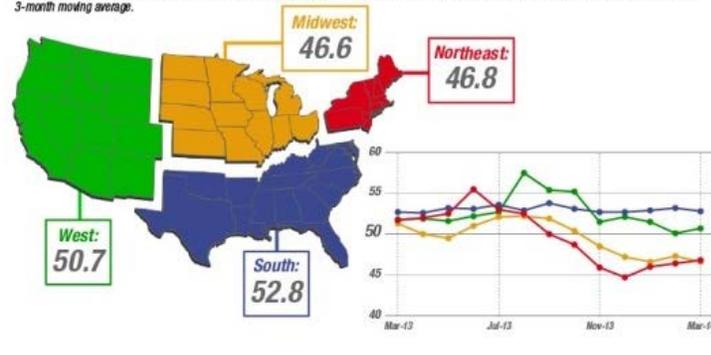


REGIONAL

Sunbelt Firms Still Reporting Growth

Graphs represent data from March 2013 – March 2014 across the four regions.

50 represents the diffusion center. A score of 50 equals no change from the previous month. Above 50 shows increase, Below 50 shows decrease. 3-month moving average.



The recently released national employment numbers for April were encouraging indicating 280,000 new jobs added to the economy. This data also shows that there was an average increase in construction jobs of 20,000 per month in the last quarter of 2014. This, compared to the average monthly increase in 2013 of 15,000, would suggest a return to a healthier construction industry.

According to AGC's Data Digest, construction spending is continuing to increase. As of March construction spending totaled \$943 billion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up 0.2% from February and up 8.4% from March 2013, the Census Bureau reported in April.

Recent data shows that there has been some notable changes to the price of construction materials when measured on both the one month and the twelve month scales; examples are asphalt - 1.2% and +5.9% respectively, plastic resin materials +1.8% and +3.7%, copper -1.8% and -6.8% and steel mill products -1.8% and +1.4%. As activity rises and we recover from a difficult winter the general consensus is that most material prices will continue on an upward trend, as the demand for construction materials gains momentum in the recovering economy.

Graphs courtesy of the American Institute of Architects: ABI

We hope that you have found our newsletter both enjoyable and helpful. We look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Stritch', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ed Stritch
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