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New Projects

Loan Review Services
for . .

City of Milwaukee, WI
The Moderne
The North End, Phase 2

Village of Shorewood, WI
Lighthouse | 4041

Dear Edward,

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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.

We'd like to take this opportunity to extend very warm holiday wishes to all of you, your families and your co-workers. We also wish you the best of times as we enter the new year and we look forward to continuing and growing our relationships with you.

Helen DeVos Children's Hospital

Spectrum Health System, based in Grand Rapids, recently opened the new Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. The Concord Group is proud to have been a part of the project team that successfully delivered this project for the client.

Our role was to assist the owner with schedule, budget and cost management on the project ensuring that the project scope and budget stayed on track to successful a completion.

We helped the owner realize project savings and helped to establish project controls to assist in overall project management. We accomplished this by helping the project team shorten the time to completion by 4 months and by assisting the owner in developing a comprehensive



Cost Estimating Services
for . .

Public Building Commission

Lloyd School Artificial Turf
Douglas Park Artificial Turf
CPS Surveillance Systems

University of Chicago

5070 S. Woodlawn -
Renovation

University of Wisconsin

Milwaukee -
Childcare Center
Madison -
Sports Performance Ctr.

GSA

Lipinski Sidewalk Repair
610 S. Canal - Penthouses
Hammond Courthouse
Solar Water Heat
Region 5 Parking
Utilization Study

Univ. of WI Health System

American Family
Children's Hospital
6th Floor NICU
1st Floor Pavillion

Gary Indiana

Transit Center

Morton Arboretum

Master Plan

**Chicago Family Health
Center**

Pullman MEP Systems

King Spa - Dallas, TX

New Spa Development

Milwaukee Public Library

East Side Library

Various Multi Family Devp.

Harvard Multifamily
Jacksonville Senior Hsg.
Ottawa Multifamily
Kankakee Apartments
Quincy Apartments

project budget verifying that all project elements had a clear definition of scope and associated cost. Additionally, we assisted the owner in managing the pay application and change order process verifying that all payment procedures and actual payments were consistent with the terms of the contract.

The project has received several design awards including the 2011 Design and Construction Award from the Detroit Engineering Society and the Engineering News Record (ENR) Best Midwest Healthcare Project for 2011 award.

The 464,000 square foot hospital was completed for a total budget of \$286 million. The 14 story building provides full inpatient, pediatric care units, stand alone emergency department, radiology, outpatient facilities, both in and outpatient surgery units, neonatal intensive care unit and other support facilities and services. The building incorporates many sustainable features and has achieved LEED Silver certification from the US Green Building Council.

Architectural services were provided by URS Corporation and construction management services were provided by the team of Wolverine Construction Services and Turner Construction.

In addition to providing professional services for this project, The Concord Group has provided similar services to Spectrum Health System on the Blodgett Hospital and Medical Office Building No. 35.

Peter Renton Retiring as President



Peter Renton, who has served as President of the firm since we opened our doors, will be retiring as of January 1, 2012. He will continue to service, for the foreseeable future, several key clients as a principal and will have a presence in the Chicago office.

He has been instrumental in the growth of the firm and has been a valuable leader. We wish him well as he transitions into his new role.

The AIA Billing Index Update

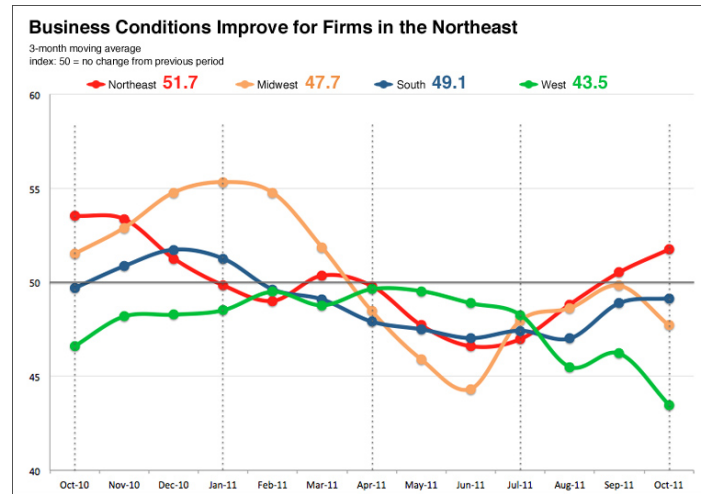
The most recent billing index published by The American Institute of Architects continues to show a decline in business conditions for architectural firms. The West had the weakest score of all regions with a 43.5 and the northeast had the highest score of 51.7 showing some positive activity. The Midwest was



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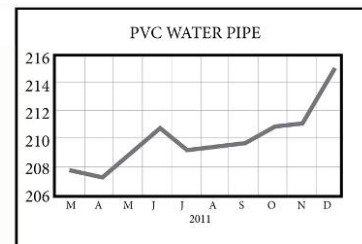
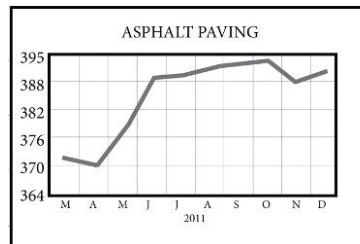
down with a score of 47.7. (A score of 50 indicates no change in activity from the prior month).

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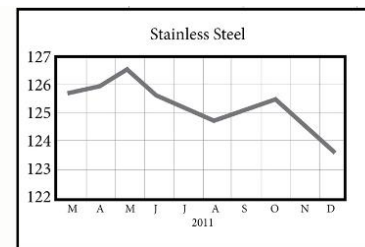
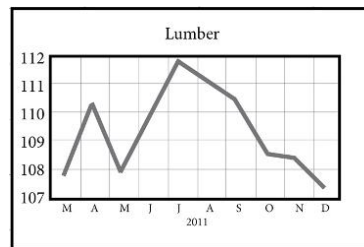


Recent Market Pricing Trends

Your opinion of the marketplace has a lot to do with your perspective on changing costs of materials. ENR reports that materials tied to petroleum have continued to see a steady increase in cost since April of 2011. This trend is also true of all forms of water related piping whether it's PVC, copper, ductile iron or reinforced concrete pipe.



ENR also reports that the opposite is true for wood, steel and concrete reinforcing steel bar stock. This trend is driven by the continued sluggish building construction market.



In other material pricing news, we have recently received notification from three major gypsum wallboard suppliers (LaFarge, US Gypsum and National Gypsum) that as of January 1, 2012 they will be implementing an average price increase of 35% on their wallboard products.

The Reed Construction Data Expansion Index is suggesting that 2012 may be brighter in certain markets that include Chicago, Milwaukee and Grand Rapids. Chicago's index is rated at 2.92. Milwaukee's is rated at 1.41 and Grand Rapids is ranked as the "hot spot" with a rating of 7.28.

A rating below 0 indicates a declining market. Ratings above 0 indicate a growing market. Higher values are a prediction of stronger growth.

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

Happy Holidays!



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