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Since we launched this survey two years ago, there has been no letup in demand for construction projects or workers. While this quarter's results still indicate a healthy market, Q1 marks the first time in the history of the Index that all three indicators—backloq, new business and revenue forecasts—have declined.

It is hard to pin down exactly what's driving this slight downward trend: the federal government shutdown, rising material costs or if it is simply a reflection of a cyclical industry. Even though this quarter's numbers show the market may be moderating, historical standards tell us demand is healthy, and contractors remain upbeat.

The commercial construction sector added employees at more than double the pace of the overall economy in the past year, but the average work week reached an all-time high, per the Associated General Contractors. Across the industry, we must recognize the severity of the labor crisis. Our data show the dearth of construction workers is causing builders to turn down work, submit higher bids and struggle to meet deadlines.

This quarter, we dug deep into perceptions of a career in construction. Our findings show it is perceived to be a "dirty" job, requires only brute strength and is merely a job rather than a long-term career. Yet, when we asked contractors what it is like to work in construction, they identified earning potential, opportunity for advancement and the ability to learn new skills as attractive features. The disconnect between the perception of a job in construction and the opportunity these careers provide is likely to discourage interest from younger generations and must be addressed by industry leaders.

Changing the mindset of the next generation and rebuilding the industry's workforce is essential to the future success of commercial construction. Contractors this quarter point to some potential solutions, including promotion of the industry's high rate of pay, more apprenticeships and clearer paths for advancement. Training and recruitment are also fundamental, as are solutions that center around efficiency, productivity and sustainability.

In the year ahead, the Index will focus on ongoing issues like labor shortages and sustainability, as well as trending topics such as technology's role on the jobsite and structural resiliency after some of the most devastating natural disasters on record.

The industry must band together to find near-and long-term solutions that revitalize the workforce and support positive growth. We hope this Index continues to provide valuable insights into commercial construction and how leaders throughout the building cycle can contribute to its future.

Sincerely,

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The USG Corporation + U.S. Chamber of Commerce Commercial Construction Index (CCI) is a quarterly economic index designed to gauge the outlook for and resulting confidence in the commercial construction industry. Recognizing a need to highlight the important contributions of this sector to the nation's economy, USG Corporation and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce partnered to produce this first-of-its-kind index. Each quarter, contractors across the country are surveyed in order to better understand their levels of confidence in the industry and top-ofmind concerns.

OPTIMISM, BACKLOG AND REVENUE EXPECTATIONS DECLINE AS BUILDERS EVALUATE INDUSTRY PERCEPTION AND RECRUITMENT CHALLENGES.

OVERVIEW

The Commercial Construction Index [CCI] fell three points to the lowest level since the survey began in 2017. Conducted in the midst of the longest-ever federal government shutdown, the survey may reflect increasing moderation about a number of factors—the state of the economy, rising interest rates, concerns over material costs—or even the shutdown itself.

KEY DRIVERS OF CONFIDENCE

In Q1 2019, all three key drivers of confidence—backlog, confidence in new business and anticipated revenue—declined for the first time in the survey's history. Confidence in new business suffered the largest drop (five points), but this may be due to concerns about the overall health of the economy and the federal government shutdown. Overall, the sector remains healthy, with more modest drops in backlog (three points) and revenue (two points). In fact, the backlog score (77) matched or exceeded most quarters in 2017 and the first half of 2018. See Drivers of Confidence on pages 4–6.

QUARTERLY SPOTLIGHT

This quarter's spotlight focuses on the perception of a career in construction and the top ways contractors believe the industry can attract and retain new workers. It reveals that contractors strongly believe earning potential is the top reason a construction career is a good choice. They also believe opportunities for career advancement and ability to gain skills on the job are strong motivating factors. However, contractors also acknowledge



the widely held perception that construction jobs are "dirty" jobs, rather than careers that require training.

As commercial construction continues to grapple with labor shortages, this disjointed perception of what it is like to work in construction appears to be exacerbating the problem. To increase the share of workers under the age of 30 in construction careers, contractors suggest high pay, a clear path for advancement and good benefits will attract workers. Around one-third also see the satisfaction of creating tangible assets and the ability to work with advanced technology as a lure to the younger generation. See Quarterly Spotlight on pages 7–11.

MARKET TRENDS

Market trends for Q1 2019 are widely consistent with those reported last quarter, with steady concerns about finding skilled workers, and increased caution about investing in equipment. However, anxiety about the impact of material cost fluctuations dropped notably, suggesting that these concerns may be easing somewhat. See Market Trends on pages 12–17.



KEY DRIVERS OF CONTRACTOR CONFIDENCE



The ratio between the average actual (9.7 months) and stated ideal (12.5 months) backlog is strong at 77.



Contractors are more cautious about the market's ability to provide new business opportunities in the next 12 months than at any time in the last two years.



Most contractors believe they will see revenue growth in the next 12 months, but the percentage is lower than in any quarter in 2018.

ADDITIONAL MARKET TRENDS

55%

HIRING

Hiring expectations fell five percentage points below those in Q4 2018, but over half of those surveyed still expect to hire more workers in the next six months. See page 12 for more details.

65%

FINANCING

Nearly two-thirds of builders believe owner access to financing will get easier or remain the same in the next six months, similar to previous quarters. See page 15 for more details.

54%

SKILL LEVEL

More than half of contractors continue to be concerned about finding workers with adequate skills, consistent with the findings throughout 2018. See page 14 for more details.

47%

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

The percentage of contractors who expect to spend more on tools and equipment continues to inch lower since its peak at 59% in Q1 2018. See page 16 for more details.

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Backlogs retreat from historic highs as fewer contractors report backlog increases compared with Q4 2018.

FEWER SEE INCREASED BACKLOGS

The number of contractors who report that their backlog has increased in the last three months saw a 13% drop in Q1 2019. This number has not dropped below 40% since Q1 2018, when 32% of builders reported an increase in their backlog over the past guarter.

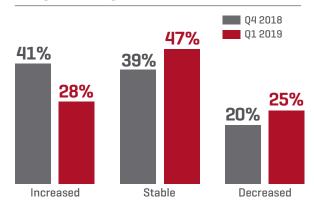
VARIANCE BY REGION AND SIZE A higher percentage of Midwestern contractors [38%] report that their backlog has decreased than those from the South [16%]. In addition, midsize contractors [34%] more frequently report decreases in backlog than large ones [14%].

AVERAGE BACKLOG DECLINES

The average level of backlog for Q1 is 9.7 months, which is slightly lower than Q4 2018 levels. The ratio of current versus ideal backlog also dropped from Q4, but remains close to the levels reported in the first half of 2018. This suggests most contractors anticipate a steady amount of work to sustain them through 2019.

SIZABLE DROP IN MODERATE BACKLOGS More contractors reported having long backlogs (up 13%) or short backlogs (up 6%) this quarter while moderate backlogs slipped. Contractors report a big drop (20%) in those reporting six to 12 months of backlog.

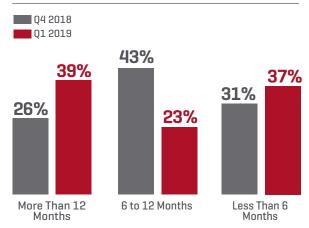
Change in Backlog in the Last Three Months



Current vs. Ideal Backlog



Amount of Backlog Reported



2 DRIVERS OF CONFIDENCE NEW BUSINESS



Contractor confidence shifts from high to moderate as business outlook becomes more conservative.

CONTRACTORS LESS CONFIDENT ABOUT 12-MONTH OUTLOOK

There is a notable shift from a high to a moderate degree of confidence in the market's ability to provide sufficient new business in the next 12 months. The percentage of those with a high level of confidence is lower than at any time during 2018, which may be due to the government shutdown or views of the economy as a whole.

MODERATED VIEWS FOR NEXT 24 MONTHS

The percentage of contractors who report high confidence in the 24-month outlook for new business has steadily declined since Q1 2018, suggesting that more factors than just the government shutdown are at play. Anecdotal responses suggest that the possibility of an economic slowdown in the next few years is dampening longer-term optimism.

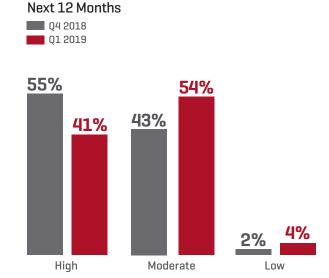


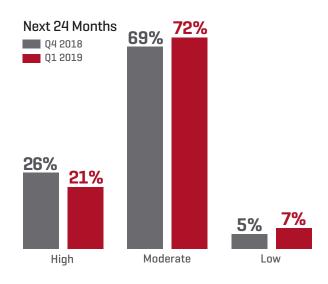
VOICE OF THE CONTRACTOR

[My single most important concern about my business in the next 12 months is] A stable economy.

—CCI Survey Respondent

Degree of Confidence Among Contractors in Sufficient New Business Opportunities





Note: Percentages are based on ratings using a 10-point scale, where the three points at the bottom [1-3] indicate a low level of confidence and the three points at the top [8-10] indicate a high level of confidence.

DRIVERS OF CONFIDENCE REVENUE/PROFIT MARGINS

Contractors' revenue expectations shift downward, but their expectations about profit margins remain steady.

REVENUE EXPECTATIONS

This quarter, more contractors expect revenue to remain the same, while fewer expect an increase in revenue. Slightly more expect revenues to decrease. This aligns with the more conservative backlog estimates reported this quarter.

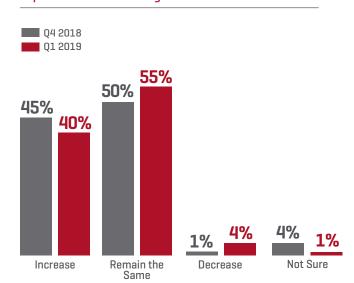
PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN REVENUE OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS Contractors expecting revenue increases of 3% or less spiked in Q1 2019 to 44%, up from 35% in Q4 2018.

PROFIT EXPECTATIONS STEADY

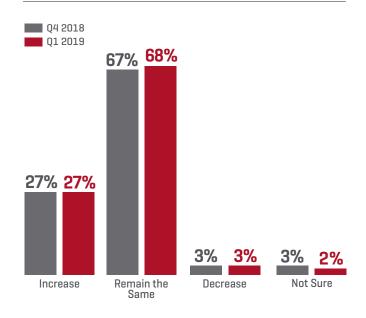
Unlike the downward shift in revenue expectations, profit margin forecasts remain consistent with the findings from Q4 2018. Most contractors expect their profit margins will remain the same, and more than one-quarter anticipate an increase in profit. This suggests that, despite the higher levels of concern about activity in the market reported this quarter, contractors are still confident about the fundamental health of their businesses.

Note: Percentages for revenue and profit margins are based on ratings using a 10-point scale, where the three points at the bottom [1-3] indicate a decrease, three points in the middle indicate it has stayed about the same and four points at the top [7-10] indicate an increase.

Expected Revenue Changes in the Next 12 Months



Expected Profit Changes in the Next 12 Months



QUARTERLY SPOTLIGHT CONSTRUCTION CAREERS



Contractors see earning potential and opportunities for advancement as top draws for careers in construction.

TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE A **CONSTRUCTION CAREER**

One way to gauge the appeal of construction is to see what those who are in the industry believe makes it a good career choice. In order to highlight the biggest advantages of working in their industry, contractors were asked to pick the top three reasons.

Most contractors regard earning potential as the top reason to start a career in construction. Contractors also view opportunities for career advancement and the ability to gain skills on the job as other top reasons to join the construction industry.

VARIANCE BY FIRM TYPE More trade contractors than general contractors (GCs) consider earning potential (78% versus 64%] and the opportunity to work with advanced technology (20% versus 8%) as top factors. More GCs than trades view the ability to work collaboratively (15% versus 5%) as a leading benefit.

Reasons That Construction Is a Good Career Choice



70% Earning Potential



Career Advancement



37% Ability to Gain





25% Creation of a Tangible Benefit Like a Building

Contractors believe that the public has misconceptions about the type of work, degree of training required and career potential in construction.

CONTRACTORS ACKNOWLEDGE "DIRTY JOB" MYTH

Perceptions that construction jobs are "dirty jobs," require strength rather than training and are jobs rather than careers are widely viewed as the top myths about working in construction.

Additionally, 40% of contractors said a top myth is the perception you cannot support a family on a construction worker's salary. This supports the respondents' contention that earning potential is a top draw for a construction career (see page 7).

Notably, there are no significant differences between what GCs and trade contractors believe the public thinks about a career in construction.

VARIANCE BY FIRM SIZE Over threequarters (76%) of respondents from large companies cite the "dirty jobs" myth, compared with just over half of small (57%) and midsize (54%) firms. On the other hand, contractors from small firms (34%) are most likely to highlight the myth that workers can't work past a certain age.

Top Myths About Working in Construction





55% Construction Work Just Requires Brute Strength, Not Training



52% Construction Work Is Just a Job and Not a Real Career



40% You Can't Support a Family on Construction Pay



26% There is Poor Job Security

QUARTERLY SPOTLIGHT CONSTRUCTION CAREERS



Contractors can attract workers under the age of 30 by highlighting the sector's good pay and benefits.

ATTRACTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF **CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS**

About half of contractors identify high pay and good benefits as top factors to attract workers under the age of 30. A clear path for advancement is also considered an enticement, helping to dispel the myth that construction is a job rather than a career.

Around one-third regard the work itself as appealing to younger workers, with an emphasis on the satisfaction derived from creating something and the ability to work with advanced technology as key attractions. The potential to attract workers under 30-years-old is one incentive for firms to invest in advanced technology. In Q4 2018, contractors also said technology on the jobsite could help with labor productivity and schedule management.

VARIANCE BY FIRM TYPE More GCs [47%] than trade contractors (31%) consider a clear path for advancement to be an attraction to workers under 30. On the other hand, more trade contractors regard high pay (66%) and apprenticeships (36%) as factors attracting younger workers compared with GCs (49% and 23%, respectively).

Top Ways to Attract More Workers Under 30 (Selected Among Top Three)



56% High Pay



50% Good Benefits



41% Clear Path for Advancement



34% Satisfaction Derived from a Career That Involves Making Something



32% Ability to Work With Advanced Technology

Recruitment methods vary widely across the commercial construction industry.

ADVERTISING MOST POPULAR RECRUITING TOOL

Contractors were asked to select all the means that they currently use for recruiting workers.

Survey findings show a hodgepodge of recruiting efforts, with no single method used by the majority of contractors. Placing traditional advertisements for workers was selected by only 46%, while 38% work with construction-industry organizations and 31% work with secondary-education institutions. Only 27% work with unions to find workers and 25% work with postsecondary educational institutions.

If the goal is to get more people into the industry, perhaps a more consistent way of recruiting workers might help.

VARIANCE BY FIRM SIZE AND TYPE

Large companies and GCs more often work with educational institutions and industry organizations than do small firms and trade contractors.

Current Means of Recruiting New Workers



46% Place Traditional Advertisements for Workers



38% Work With Construction Industry Organizations (other than local trade unions)



31% Work With Secondary **Educational Institutions**



27% Work With Unions



25% Work With Post-Secondary **Educational Institutions**

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QUARTERLY SPOTLIGHT CONSTRUCTION CAREERS



Contractors see reputation for better pay, more apprenticeships as top way to recruit workers.

TOP WAYS TO RECRUIT WORKERS

Contractors see an industry-wide reputation for better pay, more apprenticeships and a clear path of advancement as the top three ways to recruit new workers. This is not only a call to action to do a better job promoting construction as a high-paying career with advancement opportunities, but also for wider adoption of apprenticeships.

VARIANCE BY FIRM TYPE More GCs than trade contractors regard a clearer pathway to advancement and better job security as important ways to recruit workers.

TOP WAYS TO RETAIN WORKERS

Contractors believe providing more opportunities for advancement is the top way to retain workers. A close second is improved employee engagement.

VARIANCE BY FIRM TYPE GCs select improved employee engagement [53%] and individual development planning (40%) as top worker retention strategies more frequently than do trade contractors (37% and 24%, respectively).

Top Ways to Recruit More Workers



56% A Better Reputation for High Pay



54% More Apprenticeship Programs



47% A Clearer Pathway to Advancement

Most Effective Means to Retain Skilled Labor



55% More Opportunities for Advancement



47% Improved Employee Engagement



38% More Investment in Ongoing Worker Training

Hiring expectations remain strong, as difficulties finding skilled workers persist.

CONTRACTORS EXPECT TO EMPLOY MORE WORKERS

Hiring expectations remain strong, with 55% of contractors stating an intent to increase staff in the next six months. This is relatively consistent with 2018 findings and indicates that contractors continue to have confidence in a strong market. The number of contractors who indicate they will employ more workers declined slightly [5%] from last quarter, while those planning to employ the same amount increased.

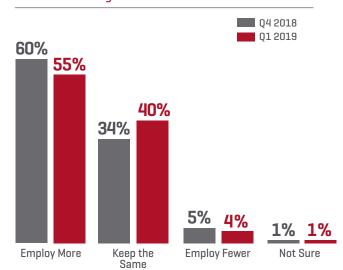
FINDING SKILLED WORKERS REMAINS A CHALLENGE

Most contractors (94%) report at least moderate levels of difficulty in finding skilled workers. This quarter saw a small (4 point) shift from the percentage who report high difficulty to those who find it a moderate challenge, but more data is needed in future quarters to know if this shift presages a change in the availability of skilled workers.

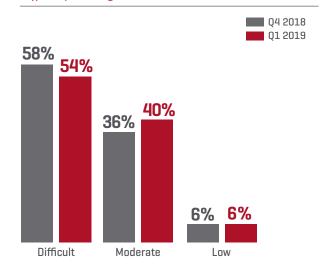
Interestingly, in Q1 2019, there is no significant difference in the challenge reported in this area between the four census regions, a change from previous studies. There is also no difference by firm type or size.

Note: Percentages for difficulty levels are based on ratings using a 10-point scale, where the three points at the bottom [1–3] indicate a high level of difficulty and the three points at the top [8–10] indicate a low level of difficulty.

Contractor Hiring Plans Over the Next Six Months



Difficulty Finding Skilled Workers



4 MARKET TRENDS WORKFORCE



Most contractors are challenged to meet schedule requirements due to persistent shortages of skilled workers.

CONTRACTORS ASK SKILLED WORKERS TO TAKE ON MORE

Skilled labor shortages continue to pose problems for the industry. Due to ongoing challenges recruiting and retaining skilled workers, firms ask their existing skilled workers to do more work, have issues meeting project schedules, put in higher bids for projects or even turn down opportunities. Notably, all of these consequences have remained consistent or intensified over the past year.

CONCERNS OVER COST OF LABOR PERSIST

Most contractors (88%) are concerned about the cost of skilled labor. This has remained very consistent since Q1 2018, with only slight variations between quarters. Labor cost is clearly a persistent issue, which may ultimately impact the cost of construction.



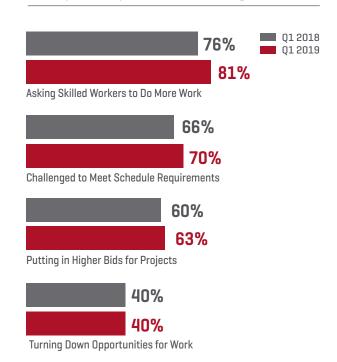
VOICE OF THE CONTRACTOR

[My single most important concern about my business in the next 12 months is] Being able to bid jobs competitively and still turn a profit while paying much higher labor costs.

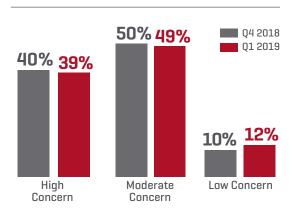
—CCI Survey Respondent

Note: Percentages for degree of concern contractors have about the cost of skilled labor are based on ratings using a 10-point scale, where the three points at the bottom [1–3] indicate a high level of concern and the three points at the top [8–10] indicate a low level of concern.

Consequences of Skilled Labor Shortages



Degree of Contractor Concern About Cost of Skilled Labor



Most contractors continue to be concerned about whether workers have adequate skill levels.

CONTRACTORS WORRY ABOUT WORKERS' SKILL LEVELS

Nearly all [95%] contractors surveyed are concerned about whether workers have adequate skill levels. While the percentage who express high concern has decreased somewhat over the past two quarters, it still indicates widespread anxiety about this issue.

CHANGE IN SKILL LEVELS IN PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS

When asked about expectations for the next six months, respondents were not optimistic. The number of contractors who believe skill levels will worsen increased to 39%, suggesting that fundamental changes to training may be key to improving worker skills.

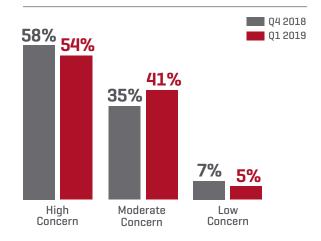
VOICE OF THE CONTRACTOR

"[My single most important concern about my business in the next 12 months is] Finding subcontractors that can perform. Lots of defaulting on contracts and poor performance from subs currently."

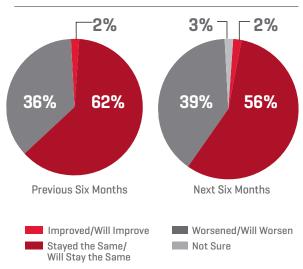
-CCI Survey Respondent

Note: Percentages for degree of contractor concern about workers having adequate skill levels are based on ratings using a 10-point scale, where the three points at the bottom (1–3) indicate a high level of concern and the three points at the top (8–10) indicate a low level of concern

Degree of Contractor Concern About Adequate Worker Skill Levels



Problems With Finding Skilled Workers Among Those Concerned About Skill Level





Despite small declines, access to working capital and project financing remains widely available.

CONTRACTORS SEE STEADY ACCESS TO CAPITAL

The majority of contractors believe access to financing will remain the same or get easier in the next six months. However, optimism has faded since peaking in Q2 2018, when 9% thought it would get easier rather than 4%, and only 8% thought it would be more difficult, compared with 13%.

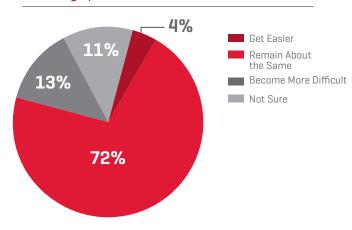
VARIANCE BY FIRM TYPE GCs are more pessimistic about funding than trade contractors, with 19% expecting financing to be more difficult, compared with just 5% of trades.

PROJECT FINANCING CONSISTENT

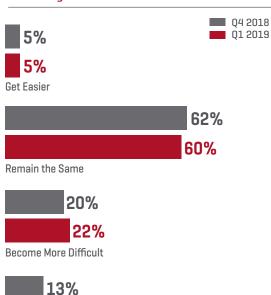
Nearly two-thirds of contractors (65%) believe that owner access to financing will get easier or remain the same over the next six months. These findings are consistent with those from Q4 2018, although the percentage who expect financing to become more difficult continues to rise, from 16% in Q3 2018, to 20% in Q4 2018, to 22% in Q1 2019.

VARIANCE BY FIRM TYPE GCs are also more pessimistic about owner access to financing than the trades, with nearly one-third (30%) expecting difficulties compared with 10% from the trades. GCs may be dealing more frequently with owners and be made more aware of the financing challenges they face.

Expected Change in Access to Working Capital Financing by Contractors in the Next 6 Months



Expected Change in Building Owner Access to Financing in the Next Six Months



Not Sure

Spending on tools and equipment continues its steady decline, but fewer contractors expect material cost fluctuations to impact their businesses.

SPENDING ON TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT DECLINE

One sign that contractors are growing more cautious is that the percentage investing in tools and equipment has declined notably since Q2 2018.

CONCERNS OVER MATERIAL COSTS DIP

There were elevated concerns about the impact of material costs throughout 2018. This quarter, there was a sizable drop in the percentage of respondents who expect a high impact and a corresponding increase in those expecting a low impact. These concerns may have hindered project planning and bids, and contributed to the drop in backlog levels and new business optimism.

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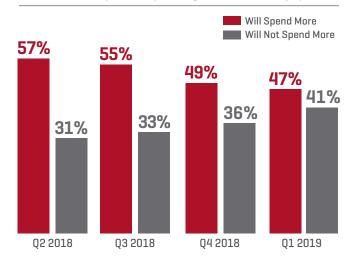
VOICE OF THE CONTRACTOR

[My single most important concern about my business in the next 12 months is]
Predicting the cost of material in the upcoming year.

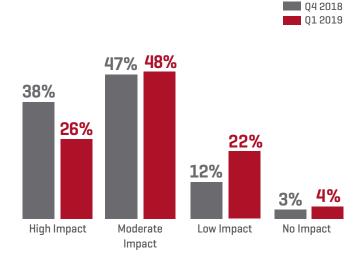
—CCI Survey Respondent

Note: Percentages for Expected Material Shortages' Impact on Contractors are based on ratings using a 10-point scale, where the three points at the bottom [1-3] indicate a high impact and the three points at the top [8-10] indicate a low impact.

Contractors' Expected Spending on Tools and Equipment



Contractors Who Expect Material Cost Fluctuations to Have a High/Moderate Impact on Their Businesses





Concerns over material shortages and tariffs moderate, but they are both still significant issues for many contractors.

FEWER CONTRACTORS SEE IMPACTS OF MATERIALS SHORTAGE

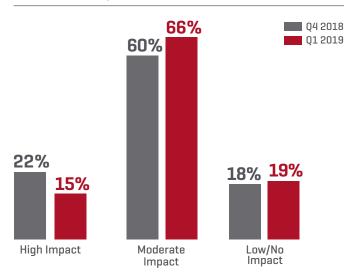
While fewer contractors report expecting a high impact from shortages of building products and materials, there is a corresponding increase in those who expect a moderate impact, suggesting that this is still an area of concern. Less than 20% expect little to no impact on their projects due to shortages.

CONCERNS OVER TARIFFS AND TRADE EASE

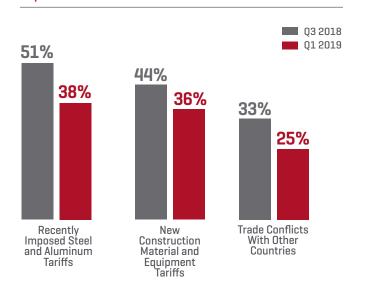
There has been a decline in the number of contractors who report significant business impacts from tariffs and trade conflicts since Q3 2018. However, over one-third of contractors still expect high impacts from tariffs, which shows that this issue remains a concern for many. Several contractors also mention tariffs or trade wars as the most important concern for their business for the next year.

VARIANCE BY REGION More than half [55%] of contractors in the West expect high impacts from new material and equipment tariffs, compared with 27% in the Midwest.

Impact of Shortages of Building Products and Materials on Construction Projects



Contractors Expecting a High Degree of Business Impact From Each Factor in the Next Three Years



5 METHODOLOGY

Dodge Data & Analytics (DD&A) in partnership with USG Corporation and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce conducts the Commercial Construction Index survey on a quarterly basis with the DD&A Contractor Panel. The majority of data represented in this report is from the Q1 2019 survey conducted online from January 10 to 22, 2019.

DD&A CONTRACTOR PANEL

In order to enable reliable market research in the construction industry, DD&A maintains a panel of more than 2,700 decision makers that includes general contractors, construction managers, design-builders and trade contractors. This panel allows DD&A to provide findings that are representative of the entire U.S. construction industry by geography, and by size and type of company.

FIRST QUARTER SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

202 contractors who do projects in the commercial and institutional sectors in the U.S. (including multifamily residential) responded to the survey.

TYPE OF COMPANY More than half (58%) of respondents are prime contractors (including general contractors, construction managers, design-builders and remodelers), and 42% are trade contractors.

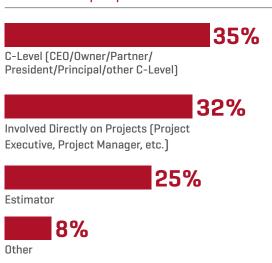
JOB FUNCTION Most are in leadership roles or engaged in projects.

SIZE OF COMPANY The percentage of small and midsize contractors is higher than that of large companies.

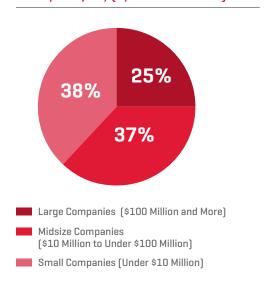
LOCATION 17% of the respondents are located in the Northeast, 31% in the South, 28% in the Midwest and 24% in the West.

The analysis includes comparisons to previous surveys conducted online with the DD&A Contractor panel since January 2017.

Job Functions of Respondents



Size of Company (by Annual Revenue)







COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION INDEX

The Commercial Construction Index is an indicator of the health of the contractor segment of the U.S. building industry. It is comprised of three specific components reflecting aspects of the commercial contractors' situation.

THE FIRST COMPONENT calculates each respondent's ratio of current backlog to ideal backlog. It takes the mean of the ratio across all survey respondents.

THE SECOND COMPONENT is the mean of all responses, on a scale of 1-10, to the question "How confident are you that the U.S. market will provide your company with sufficient new business opportunities?"

THE THIRD COMPONENT compiles contractors' ranges of expected revenue growth/decline and transposes those to a 10-point scale, then takes the mean of responses on that scale.

Each measure is drawn from the quarterly survey responses, and they are weighted evenly by one-third [33.3%] to create the composite index.

DEFINING COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

For purposes of the CCI we define commercial construction as the following types of buildings: Office, Retail, Hospitality, Education, Healthcare, Multifamily Residential (mid-and high-rise), Government, Warehouses, Airport Terminals and other Transportation Buildings.



The Commercial Construction Index is 72 for the first quarter of 2019.

- Significant Slowdown
- Down Market
- Neutral Market
- Healthy Market
- Boom Market

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