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BNi Cost Analysis: The Worst May be Over for Now

Construction appears to be stabilizing and the major decline actually may be over. Total construction is still down (2-3%), with most segments up or down slightly, although a few areas like hotels and churches, are still in double digit decline. Material costs seem to be inching up to the 3-5% range, with the exception of lumber which is 3% below its average cost at last year this time.

Housing construction is down ever-so-slightly and now seems to be looking at some sort of stabilization and eventual recovery. There's even a slight increase in housing starts for January. The foreclosure situation has moderated and some hope for the overall market appears on the horizon. The decline in the commercial sector has slowed to the 2-3% range, yet new contracts are appearing so this may quickly change. Public construction spending is now down below private construction, with declines in the 5 to 7% range. Look for a year of a soft, but stabilizing construction market.

Useful Links

[Worship Facilities Magazine](#)

[Faith and Form Website](#)

How's Your Vision?

Sometimes we get so focused on the things around us that we don't see the horizon.



Cowboys Stadium Features Tallest Moveable Glass Wall in the World

The new, retractable roof stadium in Dallas showcases several grandiose features. Shown above: each end zone sports a five-leaf clear glass retractable door measuring 120 by 180 feet, the largest in the world.

Do you have a grand vision, a "view window," in your life or in your church? How do you see it as you look ahead to the remainder of 2012? There will usually be plenty of activities within arm's reach to keep you busy and push that vision out of sight.

*"If you take one step forward you can see a little further down the road."
(Chinese Proverb)*

April 2012 is a good time to look out your view window; planning is a good way to clean the glass. We encourage you to invest some time and thought

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in this way before the summer months beckon the fall.

On The Move!

In case you haven't heard, TPC Architects is returning to Roseville, CA this week! As our firm approaches its 35th birthday in July we are thankful for this opportunity to "enlarge the place of our tent" to better serve our clients (Isaiah 54:2). As this verse says, it will also enable us to "strengthen our pegs"; i.e. our planning and design services to churches and non-profit organizations. We invite you to stop by to see us in the months ahead.

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