



# Construction Firms Plan Hiring Increases

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Seventy-three percent of construction firms plan to expand their payrolls in 2017 as contractors expect private and public sector demand to grow in all market segments, according to survey results released earlier this month by the Associated General Contractors of America and Sage Construction and Real Estate. Despite the general optimism outlined in *Expecting a Post-Election Bump: The 2017 Construction Industry Hiring and Business Outlook*, many firms report they remain worried about the availability of qualified workers and rising health and regulatory costs.

“Contractors have relatively high expectations for 2017 as they predict the economy and demands for all types of construction will grow,” said Stephen E. Sandherr, the association’s chief executive officer. “As a result of this optimism, many firms expect to expand their headcount next year.”

All but a handful of contractors expect the overall construction market to expand or remain roughly the same in 2017 compared to 2016. A

total of forty-six percent of respondents said they expect a higher dollar volume of projects in 2017 than in 2016, versus just nine percent who expect a lower volume, for a net positive reading (based on unrounded numbers) of thirty-six percent. The remaining forty-five percent expect volumes to remain more or less constant.

Contractors had a positive outlook, on net, for all thirteen market segments included in the survey. Respondents are most optimistic about the outlook for both the hospital and retail, warehouse, and lodging markets (twenty-three percent net positive for both). Respondents were also positive about the outlook for private office (twenty percent net positive), manufacturing (eighteen percent), highway (fifteen percent), and public building construction (fifteen percent) construction. And they are optimistic about the prospects for higher education construction (fourteen percent), K-12 school construction (fourteen percent), and water and sewer construction (fourteen percent).

The only market segment where contractors are less optimistic this year than they were last year is the multifamily residential sector, where there is



an eleven percent net positive for the year versus a fourteen percent net positive last year. It is important to note, however, that most respondents completed this survey in the days and weeks following the elections and may have based some of their

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**North River WWTP Cogeneration and Electrification Project**  
 NYC Department of Environmental Protection Contract No. NR-38  
 Bid Date: February 8, 2017

**Description of project:**  
 The contract includes the installation of a cogeneration system of five cogenerating engines, heat recovery, exhaust treatment, noise reduction, and other auxiliary equipment that will supply combined heat and power to the WWTP. The city has preselected the equipment that will constitute the cogeneration system to be installed under this contract (the “pre-selected equipment”) and has entered into a supply and services contract with the designated supplier of such equipment. The contractor will be required upon notice to proceed to enter into a contract with the designated supplier for the purchase and performance of the pre-selected equipment. The contract also includes removal of (5) five main sewage pump combustion engines and drive systems, removal of (5) five multi-stage process air blowers, installation of (5) five three-megawatt generators, installation of new heat recovery and dissipation systems and associated equipment required for the cogeneration system, installation of (1) one new main sewage pump, piping and valves, and a complete pump power train (PPT) for each of the (6) six main sewage pumps. The PPT includes, at a minimum, electric motor, motor controller, shafting, speed reducers, and intermediate line shafting.

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**Enhanced Station Initiative Program Package 2 Project**  
 MTA New York City Transit Contract No. A-36622B  
 Bid Date: February 7, 2017

**Description of project:**  
 The work focuses on improving the customer experience, the continued responsibility of providing a state of good repair in stations, and the development of underlying station aesthetics through construction and design innovation. The work will include make the stations cleaner, brighter, and easier to navigate, by utilizing means such as improved lighting and more intuitive way-finding and will provide amenities such as Wi-Fi and cellular connectivity. This will involve architectural finishes (including painting and signage), structural repairs and modifications, electrical (including lighting, communication, and technology) and mechanical work. The contractor shall undertake the work so as to achieve all the following overall goals:

- Enhance the customer experience at each station
- Make the stations cleaner, brighter, and easier to navigate
- Improve the aesthetics of the stations
- Facilitate increased ridership on the New York City Transit System
- Bring the stations to a state of good repair
- Expedite the delivery of the work

**Subcontracting opportunities include, but are not limited to:**  
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**Replacement of Suspender Ropes and Rehabilitation of the Main Cable**  
 George Washington Bridge between New York and New Jersey  
 PANYNJ Contract No: GWB-244.048  
 Bid Date: February 2, 2017

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to Painting, Lead Abatement, Containment and Disposal, Electrical—Temporary and Permanent Utilities, Luminaires, Necklace Lighting, Mechanical Piping—Dehumidification Lines and Equipment, Hazardous and Contaminated Material Haul and Disposal, Clearing, Grubbing, Soil and Rock Excavation, Rebar—Furnish and Installation, Fence—Furnish and Installation, Architectural Finishes—Pedestrian Walkway Tiling, Railing, Signage, SS Mesh etcetera, CMU Wall—Furnish and Installation, Armored + Armorless Joints—Furnish and Installation, Line Striping, Engineering, Detailing, Concrete Sawcutting—Pedestrian Sidewalk, Bolt + Welding Inspection, Structural Steel, Precast Concrete, Dehumidification Cable Wrapping, Dehumidification Cable Sleeves, Dehumidification Equipment, Rebar, Concrete, Formwork, Bridge / Roadway Joints, MPT Materials, Wire Splicing Materials, Main Cable Wire Wrapping Materials, Suspender Rope Materials, Bearings—Elastomeric and Multi-Rotational, Backfill Materials, Sidewalk Pedestrian Railing. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

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