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## Construction Cost Trends for 2007

Source: US Department of Labor, Producer Price Index

Contributed By: BNI® Building News

Housing continues to be a problem for the construction industry with declines approaching 20%. Commercial and Public construction are still offsetting this monumental shortfall with increases in double digits. In commercial, the lodging industry leads the pack with an increase of close to 60%, with office construction at 30%. In Public construction, healthcare, schools and civil-engineering projects are posting strong double-digit increases. It is important to remember that housing accounts for 60% of private spending and 45% of total spending, so the hope remains that these commercial and public sectors will sustain their increases. At publication, the total construction industry is 2-3% off of last year's mark.

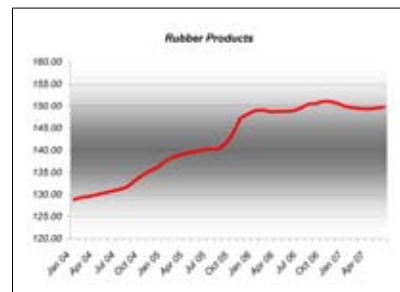
### CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Construction material costs still remain flat. Lumber prices are down but seem to be moderating. This could be due to the seasonality of lumber prices — time will tell late this fall. Steel and steel products are starting to increase again; stainless is posting dramatic gains. Steel should be watched for the next several months for continued substantial increases.



### RUBBER PRODUCTS

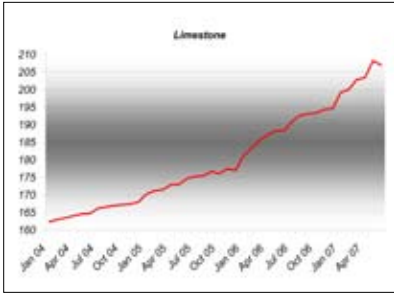
After sharp increases in 2004-2005, rubber has moderated and remains flat in 2006-2007. Stockpiles have risen in the last 12 months so a downturn in the world economy or a decrease in crude oil prices could trigger a reversal in the gains over the last 3 years.



### LIMESTONE

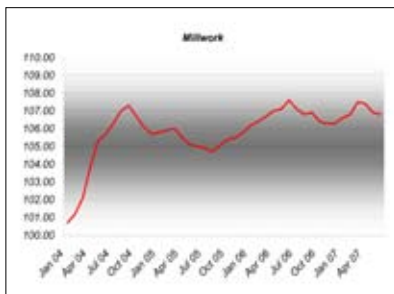
After moderate increases of 3-4% in 2004-2005, limestone is surging ahead. Fueled by commercial construction, increases in fuel prices, as well as the availability of product, limestone will likely increase by over 15% this year. Fuel costs and new quarries

near major markets will become more and more of a problem and add to further increases.



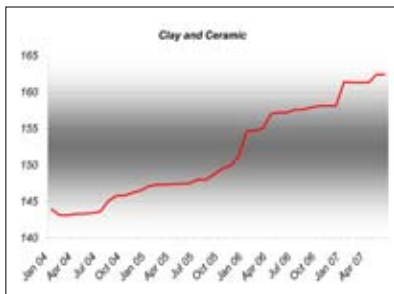
### MILLWORK

Probably due to the dramatic decline in the housing sector, millwork has fluctuated up and down for the past three years. After a small rebound in 2006, millwork remains flat for 2007. Until housing returns or lumber prices escalate, millwork can be expected to remain flat.



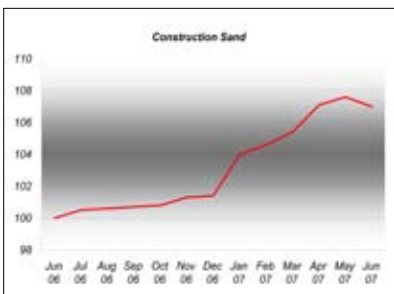
### CLAY AND CERAMIC

Posting moderate gains of 2-4% over the last 3 years, clay and clay products have shown consistent increases akin to those of skilled labor. This sector does not seem to show the volatility of other sectors and should continue to increase at the same moderate rate.



### CONSTRUCTION SAND

After 1-2% increases in 2004-2006 construction sand is on the move. Commercial and Public Works construction have added to the demand. Fuel costs are the primary driver along with a shortfall in supply. New pits and their licensing are a continued problem. This all contributes to a 6-9% increase over last year.



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