



Construction Industry Round Table

Economic News

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10/27/11 – GDP Improves Modestly to 2.5 Percent Growth in 3rd Quarter

Real gross domestic product (GDP) grew at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the third quarter of 2011, according to today's advance estimate. This follows a growth rate of 1.3 percent in the second quarter of 2011. The news has buoyed the stock and commodity markets sending them higher for the day. The improvement may have been recently forecast by the CIRT Sentiment Index release earlier in the month which showed a marked increase in activity predicted by the Design Index at 59.3, vs. the overall Sentiment Index of only 52.9. The fairly large difference could have been caused by the early activity in design that firms were seeing vs. the follow-on construction spending that will lag design projects before they are ready to be let.