** BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IS ON THE RISE **

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"The construction industry has been heating up which is a breath of fresh air for commercial building contractors. According to the Department of Labor, construction employment rose in 38 states in March, over the previous 12 month period."

Contractors and subcontractors alike are starting to see their backlog of work grow. Many contractors are starting to hear that some of their subcontractors are expressing concern about taking on additional work. While the uptick in construction is welcomed by all contractors, the issue of additional work should be just as concerning. Many contractors reduced their staff during the recent economic downturn and now find themselves in a hiring mode to keep up with the increase in work opportunities. Hiring can be a real challenge today due to the shortage of qualified personnel in the trades.

As the construction market continues to heat up it is very important that Building Owners, Developers and Architects select the right Construction Manager/General Contractor to avoid delays in their projects. Just having the lowest priced Construction Manager/General Contractor on their jobs can lead to delays and additional cost, thus pushing back completion dates due to insufficient staffing of jobs with qualified personnel. At Ryan Construction, understanding our subcontractor's backlog of work can be more important than their price. Maintaining our current database of qualified subcontractors and knowing their staffing levels and backlog is the key to providing superior construction service to our clients and architects.

Sincerely,

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