

RESULTS

**Carolinas AGC Construction Barometer™
Third Quarter 2006**

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| Component Index Results | Regional Areas | | | | | | | | | | State Composite Totals | | | | Combined North and South Carolina Total | |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|---|-------------|
| | Eastern | | North Carolina Heartland | | Western | | Upcountry | | South Carolina Lowcountry | | North Carolina | | South Carolina | | Value | % Change |
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| I. Quantitative Index Results | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employment and Labor Trends - Category Subindex | 3.14 | 3.0% | 3.30 | 1.2% | 3.00 | -6.8% | 3.07 | 0.7% | 2.82 | 4.1% | 3.24 | 0.9% | 3.00 | 1.6% | 3.16 | 1.1% |
| Business and Economic Trends - Category Subindex | 3.02 | 3.8% | 2.82 | 0.0% | 2.53 | -5.9% | 2.84 | -4.7% | 2.86 | -0.7% | 2.84 | 0.4% | 2.85 | -3.6% | 2.84 | -0.9% |
| Financing Availability - Category Subindex | 3.26 | 1.2% | 3.28 | -0.9% | 3.14 | -2.2% | 3.32 | 0.3% | 3.26 | 0.0% | 3.26 | -0.6% | 3.30 | 0.2% | 3.28 | -0.3% |
| Aggregate Quantitative Index | 3.14 | 2.6% | 3.13 | 0.1% | 2.89 | -4.9% | 3.08 | -1.2% | 2.98 | 1.0% | 3.11 | 0.2% | 3.05 | -0.6% | 3.09 | 0.0% |
| II. Qualitative Index Results | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Contractor Panel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employment and Labor Trends - Category Subindex | 2.84 | 9.7% | 2.75 | 2.2% | 2.88 | 29.1% | 2.68 | 11.2% | 1.96 | -8.8% | 2.78 | 5.8% | 2.47 | 5.9% | 2.68 | 5.8% |
| Business and Economic Trends - Category Subindex | 2.89 | 11.6% | 2.80 | 19.1% | 2.79 | 19.7% | 2.84 | 15.9% | 2.67 | 11.3% | 2.82 | 17.4% | 2.79 | 14.6% | 2.81 | 16.5% |
| Financing Availability - Category Subindex | 2.96 | 13.8% | 2.78 | 3.3% | 2.75 | 4.2% | 2.92 | 11.5% | 2.61 | -0.8% | 2.82 | 5.6% | 2.83 | 7.9% | 2.82 | 6.3% |
| Qualitative Results for the Contractor Panel | 2.90 | 11.7% | 2.78 | 7.8% | 2.81 | 16.9% | 2.81 | 12.8% | 2.41 | 0.8% | 2.81 | 9.4% | 2.70 | 9.5% | 2.77 | 9.4% |
| B. Suppliers and Architects Subpanel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employment and Labor Trends - Category Subindex | 2.75 | 37.5% | 2.31 | 0.0% | 2.50 | 17.4% | 2.00 | -24.0% | 2.00 | -11.1% | 2.42 | 8.8% | 2.00 | -20.6% | 2.29 | -1.1% |
| Business and Economic Trends - Category Subindex | 3.29 | 21.4% | 2.97 | 8.0% | 2.29 | -8.4% | 2.79 | 0.0% | 2.86 | 0.0% | 2.98 | 9.6% | 2.81 | 0.0% | 2.93 | 6.5% |
| Financing Availability - Category Subindex | 2.83 | -3.1% | 2.82 | 1.4% | 2.58 | 6.6% | 3.17 | -4.8% | 2.67 | -11.0% | 2.80 | 0.8% | 3.03 | -6.5% | 2.87 | -1.7% |
| Qualitative Results for the Suppliers and Architects Subpanel | 2.96 | 16.3% | 2.70 | 3.3% | 2.46 | 4.5% | 2.65 | -9.0% | 2.51 | -7.2% | 2.73 | 6.2% | 2.61 | -8.5% | 2.70 | 1.3% |
| III. The CAGC Construction Barometer: The Grand CAGC Index | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3.01 | 7.6% | 2.93 | 3.5% | 2.81 | 4.7% | 2.92 | 3.6% | 2.68 | 0.1% | 2.94 | 4.5% | 2.85 | 2.6% | 2.91 | 3.9% |