

## Construction Outlook

**D**odge Data & Analytics released its 2015 Dodge Construction Outlook, a mainstay in construction industry forecasting and business planning. The report predicts that total U.S. construction starts for 2015 will rise 9% to \$612 billion, a larger gain than the 5% increase to \$564 billion estimated for 2014.

*"The construction expansion should become more broad-based in 2015, with support coming from more sectors than was often the case in recent years,"* said Robert Murray, Chief Economist and Vice President for Dodge Data & Analytics. *"The economic environment going forward carries several positives that will help to further lift total construction starts. Financing for construction projects is becoming more available, reflecting some easing of bank lending standards, a greater focus on real estate development by the investment community, and more construction bond measures getting passed. While federal funding for construction programs is still constrained, states are now picking up some of the slack. Interest rates for the near term should stay low, and market fundamentals*

*(occupancies and rents) for commercial building and multifamily housing continue to strengthen."*

Based on research of specific construction market sectors, the 2015 Dodge Construction Outlook details the forecast as follows.

- ♦ Commercial building will increase 15%, slightly faster than the 14% gain estimated for 2014. Office construction has assumed a leading role in the commercial building upturn, aided by expanding private development as well as healthy construction activity related to technology and finance firms. Hotel and warehouse construction should also strengthen, although the pickup for stores is more tenuous.

- ♦ Institutional building will advance 9%, continuing the moderate upward trend that's been established during 2014. The educational building category is now seeing an increasing amount of K-12 school construction, aided by the financing made available by the passage of recent construction bond measures. Healthcare facilities are expected to show some improvement relative to diminished activity in 2014.

- ♦ Multifamily housing will

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## Member News

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**Hoover Canvas Awnings** recently announced the transition from 2nd to 3rd generation family leadership of the long time family owned company. Matthew Carroll, son of James E. Carroll, Jr., takes the helm and plans to revitalize the firm with new diversity and direction.

**Miller Construction Company** CEO Thomas J. Miller and the company's President, Harley W. Miller were inducted to the University of Florida's 2014 Construction Hall of Fame at the Gainesville campus during the October 18th ceremony.

The honor recognizes distinguished leaders who have earned the esteem of their peers, contributed to the construction of quality buildings and made a difference in their profession and communities.

**Hollywood Woodwork** recently hosted the Interior Architecture class of Florida International University in a morning orientation to the engineering process and a plant tour. The visit to Hollywood Woodwork allowed the students to view the engineering process from Interior Design drawings through final approved shop drawings for five unique reception desks.

The presentation was followed by a shop tour where the students were able to learn more about the custom woodwork manufacturing process.



Jim and Matt Carroll



Tom & Harley Miller



FIU Interior Architecture Plant Tour

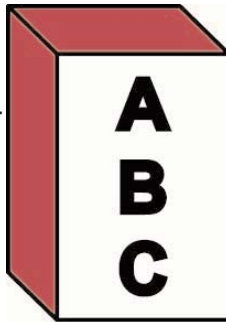
# Team Effort and Common Goals

Each month Construction FOCUS features a CASF member company, selected by drawing a business card from among those attending the monthly networking breakfast. The next breakfast, sponsored by J.W.R. Construction Services, will be held on Thursday, December 11, 7:30 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott-Cypress Creek in Ft. Lauderdale.

ABC Concrete Cutting has been providing the construction industry with concrete cutting, selective demolition, concrete installation, bollard placement and concrete floor prep since being founded by Larry McCoy in 1971. Joe Bland originally started working with the company in 1980 when it was still known as ABC Cutting. He left ABC Cutting in 1988 to go work for Ohio Concrete Sawing & Drilling. Many years went by before Ohio Concrete Sawing & Drilling purchased ABC Cutting and changed the name to ABC Concrete Cutting. Joe returned as General Manager and has been back with ABC Concrete Cutting for 12

years.

The philosophy at ABC Concrete Cutting has always been to provide the best service with integrity and superior workmanship. It's not surprising given the



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strong family environment in the company that they pride themselves on the quality of their employees and the quality of the work they perform.

Though ABC Concrete

Cutting feels that every job is unique and requires modifications of equipment and procedures, they believe that team effort and working towards a common goal can help overcome even the biggest of obstacles. Some of these obstacles include recent projects such as the job at the Marlins Stadium parking garage where they had 30 days to complete a modified expansion joint throughout all four parking garages.

Another big project was in the Bahamas, where cutting off a dolphin platform required wire sawing 30-feet underwater. ABC Concrete Cutting recognized the challenge and through their expertise and ingenuity, they

removed the platform successfully.

ABC has a few exciting projects coming up, including core drilling deep holes in Costa Rica, wire sawing in the Panama Canal, as well as, cutting control joints and the removal of a runway at the Fort Lauderdale Airport.

They have been members of CASF since 2012, and they feel that the association has been a tremendous asset for networking opportunities and general information to run their company more efficiently.

They are located in Pompano Beach and you can contact them at (954) 523-4848 or go on line to [www.abconcretecutting.com](http://www.abconcretecutting.com)

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**STRUCTURAL STEEL**, *Luis Diaz*, East Coast Metals Decks  
**WALL PANELS**, *Daumier "Bud" Collins*, Kissler McDougal  
**ARCHITECTURAL WOODWORK**, *Steve Backalukas & Rickie Boodoo*, Advanced Woodworking  
**FINISH CARPENTRY**, *Eduardo Perez*, Inzirillo Co.  
**HEAVY TIMBER**, *Michael Galloway*, Structural Roof Systems  
**MILLWORK**, *Jose Mejia*, BMC Services  
**MODULAR ARTS PANEL**, *Jason Whitney*, Acousti Engineering  
**LIGHT GAUGE METAL TRUSSES**, *William Mola*, Metalite Truss Systems of FL  
**ROOFING**, *Daniel Martinez*, Florida Lemark  
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## Meet the GCs in WPB

Thursday, November 13

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increase 9% in dollars and 7% in units to 405,000 (Dodge basis). Occupancies and rent growth continue to be supportive, although the rate of increase for construction is now decelerating as the multifamily market matures.

- ◆ Public works construction will improve 5%, a partial rebound following the 9% decline estimated for 2014. Highway and bridge construction should stabilize, and modest gains are anticipated for environmental public works. Federal spending restraint will be offset by a greater financing role played by the states, involving higher user fees and the increased use of public-private partnerships.

- ◆ Electric utilities will slide 9%, continuing the downward trend that's followed the exceptional volume of construction starts that was reported during 2011-2012. With more projects now coming on line, capacity utilization rates will stay low, limiting the need for new construction.

- ◆ Manufacturing plant construction will settle back 16%, following the huge increases reported during both 2013 (up 42%) and 2014 (up 57%) that reflected the start of massive chemical and energy-related projects. Next year's volume remains quite high by recent historical standards.