

A look at institutional construction spending

Where the opportunities are

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The \$787.2 billion stimulus package, or the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, contains about \$140 billion in construction spending, according to the Associated General Contractors of America, Arlington, Va. While some projects will be directly funded by federal agencies, much of the money will be distributed to state governments to spend.

Institutional construction spending has held its own through the recession (see graphs below), and will see a decent amount of funding through the ARRA. For K-12

schools, \$8.8 billion will be available to governors on a discretionary basis for public safety, public schools and higher education facility school modernization, renovation and repair. For higher education facilities, another \$8.8 billion will be available to governors on a discretionary basis for public safety, public schools and higher education facility school modernization, renovation and repair. VA medical facilities have been allotted \$1 billion to be distributed by the state; and state extended-care facilities will receive \$150 million, also to be distributed by the state.

Higher Education 1-month: -3.2%
12-month: 5.6%



