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ICPI NEWS

Update on ICPI Government Relations Initiatives



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With GOP control of the White House and both Houses of Congress, many held expectations that Year 1 of the Trump Administration could see passage of several landmark legislative initiatives suggested during the 2016 campaign. **READ MORE**



ICPI Continues to Expand the Canadian Municipal Government Relations Program



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ICPI had a busy last half of 2017 expanding on the existing Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) partner sponsorship.

Avid readers of the Paver Express will recall ICPI hosting a reception for targeted and key elected officials at the annual meeting and trade show of FCM in the National Capital of Ottawa to introduce them to the ICP Industry. This strategic approach will be continued at the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference and member sponsored reception in February 2018. **READ MORE**

ICPI Thanks the 2018 Annual Meeting Sponsors

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ICPI would like to thank the sponsors of our 2018 Annual Meeting! We would not be able to continue to offer all the great events and items for ICPI members to enjoy without the support of each sponsoring company.

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The committee agendas and corresponding background materials for the 2018 Annual Meeting are now available online at icpi.org. Please note that onsite printed materials will not be provided and attendees should bring committee packets on computers/tablets or print the resources ahead of time.

To access the committee materials, please follow the below instructions:

- Click on the lock in the top left-hand corner and sign in to the “Members Only” section of the website.
- Click on the “2018 Annual Meeting Materials” link once logged in and download the necessary committee packets

****Please note if you are on the *Executive Committee, Board of Directors and/or the HNA Advisory Committee*, you will be emailed separately when those materials are available.**

If you need your member login, please don't hesitate to contact ICPI at 703-657-6900.

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ICPI Member Companies Exhibiting at ICON EXPO



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The ICON EXPO Machinery & Equipment Show is taking place before the ICPI Annual Meeting on February 9-10 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, IN.

Be sure to visit the following ICPI members:

ICPI Member Company	Booth Number
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BASF	235
Besser Company	403
Columbia Machine, Inc.	202
Concrete Equipment Group, a division of iwi group, LLC	419
Euclid Chemical Company	250
GCP Applied Technologies	548
Haarup North America, Inc.	613
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KOBRA Molds, LLC	447
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Rampf Molds Industries, Inc.	335
Rekers (NA), Inc.	346

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Soloman Colors, Inc.	518
Standley Batch Systems, Inc.	535
TEKA North America, Inc.	229
Topwerk America Ltd.	427
Venator Materials Corp	129
Wuerschum North America, Inc.	120
Zenith Maschinenfabrik GmbH	256

For more information about the ICON EXPO trade show, visit <http://iconexpo.org/>.



ICPI to Hold Regional Commercial Sales Course in Baltimore, MD



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In the effort to bring more concrete paver-related educational programs to the East Coast region, the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI) will hold a two-day Regional Commercial Paver Sales Course in Baltimore.

The course will be held on Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 29 at the [DoubleTree by Hilton Baltimore – BWI Airports](#).

For more information or to register for the ICPI Regional Commercial Sales Course, please visit the [event site](#).

EWRI Currents Winter 2018 — Atlanta's Resilient Green Infrastructure Case Study



EWRI



In July 2012, a series of storms caused combined sanitary and storm sewer overflows in southeast Atlanta, making a flooded mess of streets and homes. The flooding occurred at the nexus of impervious pavement drained mostly by sewers overflowing with runoff and sewage from downtown Atlanta. The downstream recipients were the Peoplestown, Mechanicsville and Summerhill neighborhoods. They received sanitary sewage exacerbated by stormwater runoff from a 1,500- acre (607 ha) highly urbanized, mostly impervious drainage area. **READ MORE**

Did You Know? ICPI Course Materials are Available on the Bookstore



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MEMBER NEWS

Willow Creek Paving Stones Adds Slatestone Grande Paving Stones



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Willow Creek™ Paving Stones (WCPS) introduces Slatestone Grande™ to the WCPS family of durable and attractive paving stones. Slatestone Grande adds a contemporary look to paver projects. Slatestone Grande pavers are available in 9" x 18" and 14" x 18" sizes and are 7 cm thick. Four colors are available: Creme, Bleu, Patina and Mocha.

Durable and beautiful, Slatestone Grande pavers are engineered to meet the highest performance standards and aesthetic demands of landscape architects, designers and contractors. Slatestone Grande pavers can be used for patios, courtyards, walkways and more. "The large surface area of Slatestone Grande pavers makes it easy to install for professionals and homeowners, too," says Burt Plett, WCPS manager. The pavers can be combined to create a variety of patterns with the original Slatestone family of paving stones, which comprises three paver sizes (5" x 9", 9" x 9" and 9" x 14").

For more information or to find the Willow Creek Paving Stones dealer nearest you, visit willowcreekpavingstones.com.

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As a new feature of Paver Express, ICPI will profile one voting member company per biweekly issue. This complimentary profile will highlight each company's products and services, expert staff, and resources for the segmental concrete pavement industry. A company logo will also be displayed next to the article. Paver Express is distributed to 13,000 readers, including all member companies. Companies will be profiled on a rotating basis between producer, associate, and voting contractor.

If you are interested in profiling your company for thousands of Paver Express readers, please send an email to [Reba Miller](mailto:Reba.Miller@icpi.org), Marketing & Meetings Coordinator.

GOVERNMENT/ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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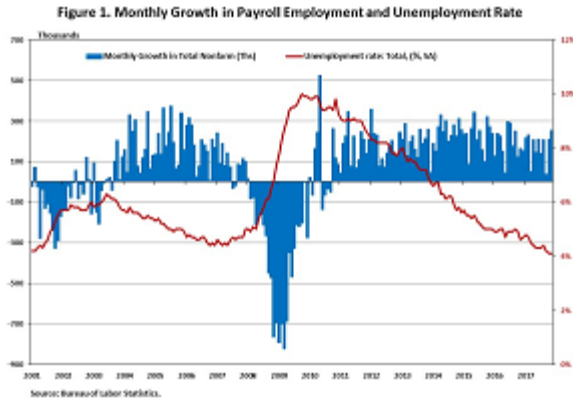
U.S. Department of Labor

The [HIRE Vets Medallion Program Demonstration](#) will recognize up to 300 employers for their investments in recruiting, employing, and retaining veterans. Applications will be available on Jan. 31.



148,000 Jobs Added in December

NAHB

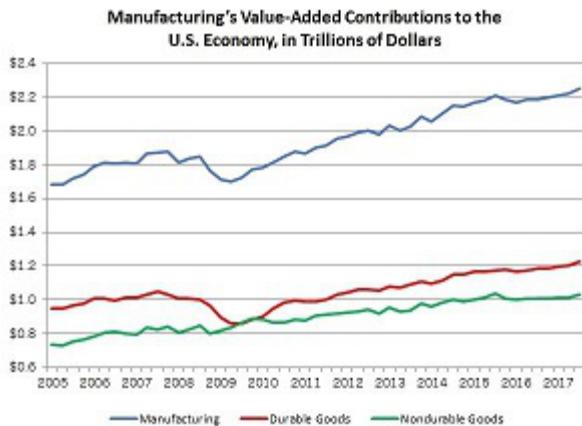


According to the Employment Situation for [December](#) 2017 reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 148,000 in December and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.1% for the third consecutive month. [READ MORE](#)

Manufacturing's Value-Added Contributions to the U.S. Economy, in Trillions of Dollars



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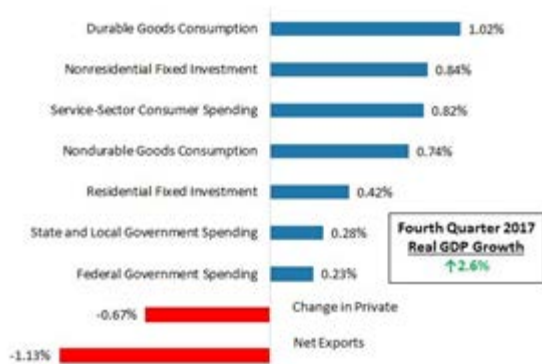


Real GDP grew 3.2 percent in the third quarter, boosted by strength in consumer and business spending and net exports and extending the 3.1 percent gain in the second quarter. According to [new data](#) from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, manufacturing added 0.24 percentage points to top-line growth in the third quarter, with mixed

results for the sector. Real value-added output grew 2.0 percent for manufacturers in the third quarter, buoyed by a 7.5 percent growth rate for durable goods firms but weighed down by a 4.1 percent decline for nondurable goods businesses. Recent hurricanes hit the latter hard, especially in chemical and energy markets. [READ MORE](#)

Contributions to Percentage Change in Fourth Quarter 2017 Real GDP Growth [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) [e](#)

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The Bureau of Economic Analysis said that the U.S. economy grew by an annualized 2.6 percent in the fourth quarter, according to preliminary data. This was somewhat lower than the consensus estimate of around 3 percent, and it represented an easing from the 3.1 percent and 3.2 percent gains seen in the second and third quarters, respectively. Overall, the latest report found solid growth in consumer, business and government spending, but headline growth was pulled lower by both net exports and inventory spending. To illustrate the impact of those various components, real GDP growth would have been 4.35 percent absent the drag from net exports and inventories, which subtracted 1.8 percentage points from the top-line growth figure. Personally, I would not be surprised to see the growth rate revised up in the coming weeks. [READ MORE](#)

Labor Certification Process for Temporary Employment of Aliens in Non-Agricultural Employment in United States [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) [e](#)

Federal Register

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the Department of Labor (Department) is issuing this notice to announce to employers and other interested stakeholders about a process change to better assure fairness regarding the issuance of H-2B temporary labor certifications due to the unprecedented volume of applications received on January 1, 2018. [READ MORE](#)

INDUSTRY BUZZ

Resolve to Make Your Workplace Safe + Sound in 2018 [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) [e](#)

OSHA

The Safe + Sound Campaign encourages every workplace in the United States to have a [safety and health program](#) that includes management leadership, worker participation, and a proactive approach to finding and fixing hazards. The Safe + Sound Campaign supports employers' efforts by offering free webinars; resources from campaign organizers; and local events to support safety and health program development. For ways to get started and for other resources, visit the [Safe + Sound Campaign webpage](#).

Get started today:

- [10 easy things](#) to start a safety and health program.
- Use OSHA's [new tool](#) to look back at past incidents to move your program forward.

Find a [course](#) to learn about completing your OSHA 300 log.

Ontario Revitalizing Main Streets, Helping Small Businesses Grow



Ontario News

Ontario is helping rural communities attract investment and tourism, create jobs and enhance regional economic growth by supporting the revitalization of downtown and main streets across the province. [READ MORE](#)

Building Materials Prices and Labor Access Top Challenges for 2018



NAHB

Top 10 Significant Problems Faced in 2017 and Expect to face in 2018



Source: HMI Special Survey, NAHB/ENR.

The monthly NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index includes a set of “special” questions on a topic of current interest to the housing industry. In December 2017, the special questions asked builders about the problems they faced in 2017 and expect to face in 2018. [READ MORE](#)

California, Texas and DC Most Reliant on Immigrant Construction Workers



NAHB

Immigrant Workers in the Construction Labor Force, 2016



Source: 2016 American Community Survey, PUMS, NAHB Estimates

Earlier this month, we published a post highlighting [the rising share of immigrant workers in construction](#). Immigrant workers now account for close to one in four workers, the highest share recorded by the American Community Survey (ACS). In some states, reliance on foreign-born labor is even more pronounced with

immigrants comprising more than 40% of the construction labor force. **READ MORE**

ICPI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
Feb. 1	PICP Specialist Course — Master Builders Association	Bellevue, WA
Feb. 1-2	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Master Builders Association	Bellevue, WA
Feb. 1-2	Concrete Paver Installer Course — ICPI Southwest Chapter	El Paso, TX
Feb. 5-6	Concrete Paver Installer Course — SiteOne Landscape Supply	Wichita, KS
Feb. 6-7	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Oberfields	Columbus, OH
Feb. 6-7	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Belgard	Salt Lake City, UT
Feb. 9-10	2018 ICON EXPO	Indianapolis, IN
Feb. 9-13	2018 ICPI Annual Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
Feb. 13-14	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Dunning Stone and Supply Co.	Farmington, CT
Feb. 13-14	Concrete Paver Installer Course — MidAmerica Green Industry Council (MAGIC)	Kansas City, MO
Feb. 14-15	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Watkins Concrete Block	Omaha, NE
Feb. 15	PICP Specialist Course — ICPI Northern California Chapter	San Mateo, CA
Feb. 19-20	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Michigan Green Industry Association	Novi, MI
Feb. 19-20	Advanced Residential Paver Technician Course — Michigan Green Industry Association	Novi, MI
Feb. 21-22	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Nicolock	Lindenhurst, NY
Feb. 21-22	Concrete Paver Installer Course — ICPI Northern California Chapter	Reno, NV
Feb. 22-23	Concrete Paver Installer Course — New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association	Elmwood Park, NJ
Feb. 23	PICP Specialist Course — Nicolock	Lindenhurst, NY
Feb. 26-27	Concrete Paver Installer Course (Spanish) — Belgard	Salt Lake City, UT
Feb. 27	PICP Specialist Course — Newline Hardscapes	Falls Church, VA
Feb. 27-28	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Belgard	Minnetonka, MN
Feb. 28 - March 1	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Ewing	Pacheco, CA

Irrigation and Landscape Supply

March 1-2	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Belgard	Spokane Valley, WA
March 6-7	PICP Specialist Course — Newline Hardscapes	Clackamas, OR
March 7-8	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Nicolock	Albany, NY
March 8-9	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Belgard	Philadelphia, PA
March 12-13	Concrete Paver Installer Course — New England Concrete Manufacturers Association	Providence, RI
March 13	PICP Special Course — New England Concrete Manufacturers Association	Providence, RI
March 14-15	2018 Northeast Hardscape Expo	Providence, RI
March 28-29	Regional Commercial Sales Course	Linthicum Heights, MD
Sept. 10-13	2018 ICPI Summer Meeting	Vancouver, BC
Oct. 16-19	2018 International Conference on Concrete Block Pavement	Seoul, Korea
Oct. 17-19	2018 Hardscape North America Trade Show	Louisville, KY
March 3-6	ICPI 25th Annual Meeting (2019)	Charleston, SC

To check out more ICPI Events, click [here](#).

ICPI WEBINARS

Date	Webinar	Time
Feb. 6	Effective Use of Geosynthetic Materials in Hardscape Construction for Long-Term Performance — Robert Bowers, P. Eng., ICPI Director of Engineering	1 p.m. EST
Feb. 22	Modern Day Marketing of Contractors: Using Social Media and Tools like Drones, YouTube and Apps — Tom Gardocki, Interstate Landscape Co., Inc.	1 p.m. EST
March 13	How to Present a Lunch and Learn (Members Only) — Mark Dooley, Basalite and Dan Moreland, Anchor, an Oldcastle Company	1 p.m. EST
April 17	7 Key Principles (Everyone Should Know) for Sales Success (Members Only) — Randy Anderson, E3 Professional Trainers	1 p.m. EST
May 8	ICPI Foundation Projects Update (Members Only) — David Smith, ICPI Technical Director and Robert Bowers, P. Eng., ICPI Director of Engineering	1 p.m. EST

To check out more ICPI Webinars, click [here](#).

TRENDING ARTICLES

Missed last week's issue? See which articles your colleagues read most.

- [ICPI Participates in Push for New National Infrastructure Investment Package](#) (ICPI)
- [Permeable Pavement Road Map Conference Provides Insight into Divergent Agency Goals and Needed Institutional Changes](#) (ICPI)
- [ICPI Seeking Industry Leaders to Serve on Standing Committees for 2018](#) (ICPI)
- [West Georgia Avenue Project to Begin Soon](#) (The West Volusia Beacon)

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