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### National

 Decline in architecture firm billings continues to slow

Graphs represent data from October 2019–October 2020. Above 50 shows increase; Below 50 shows decrease.

#### Regional

Firms located in the West report billings growth for first time since January

Graphs represent data from October 2019–October 2020 across the four regions. 50 represents the diffusion center. A score of 50 equals no change from the previous month. 3-month moving average.

#### Sector

While business conditions continue to rebound at multifamily residential firms, they remain soft at institutional firms

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#### Practice

Six in 10 firms have seen higher prices/more limited availability of construction materials recently

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