National

Architecture firms report flat billings in July

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Regional

Only firms located in the South saw billings increase this month

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Sector

Business conditions strengthen at firms with commercial/industrial and institutional specializations

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