#### Welcome

## **Advancing Building Estimation**

# **Forecasting Costs**

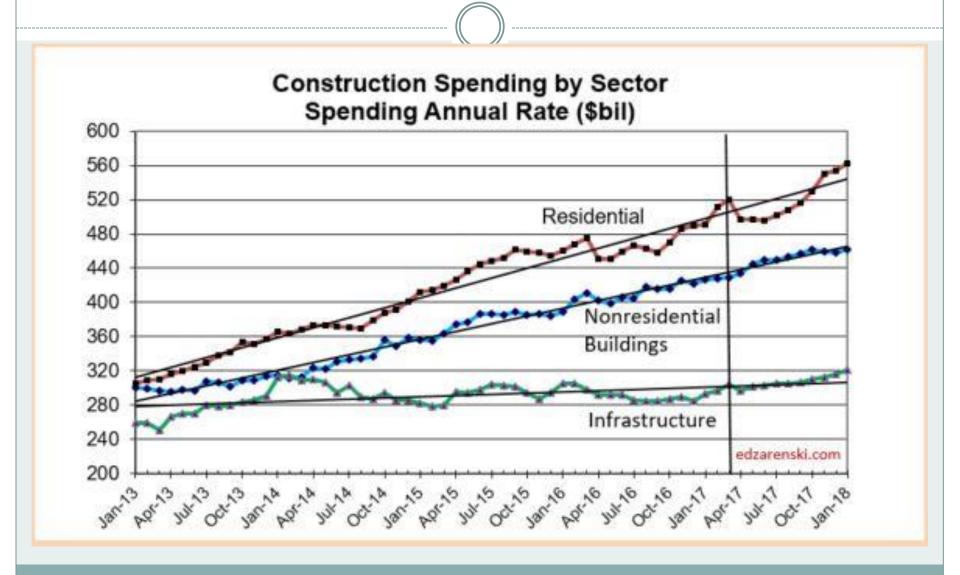
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### Forecasting Overview

- Labor wages, availability and productivity
- Material cost and availability
- Inputs / Bid price / Final price
- Industry workload
- Contractor workload
- Inflation
- Project Cost

### Forecasting the Future



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### Common Errors in Forecasting

- Misusing Starts Data
- Not Adjusting History for Inflation
- Using Inappropriate Indices
- Ignoring Productivity
- Considering Revenue = Volume
- Staffing to meet Revenue

### Forecasting the Future

### **Project Perspective**

- Resources
- Inflation
- Budget / Cost

### Corporate Perspective

- Market Share
- Orowth = Work Volume
- Size = Revenue and Staff

### **Project Inflation Impact**

- Labor = 30% to 40% of project
- A 3% increase = 0.9% to 1.2% inflation

- Material = 40% to 50% of project
- Increase 3% = 1.2% to 1.5% inflation

- Margins = applied to 100% of project
- Increase 3% = 3% to inflation

## **Project Inflation Impact**

Project Cost Inflation Impact of +10% increase in cost of material





Concrete



Copper



Steel

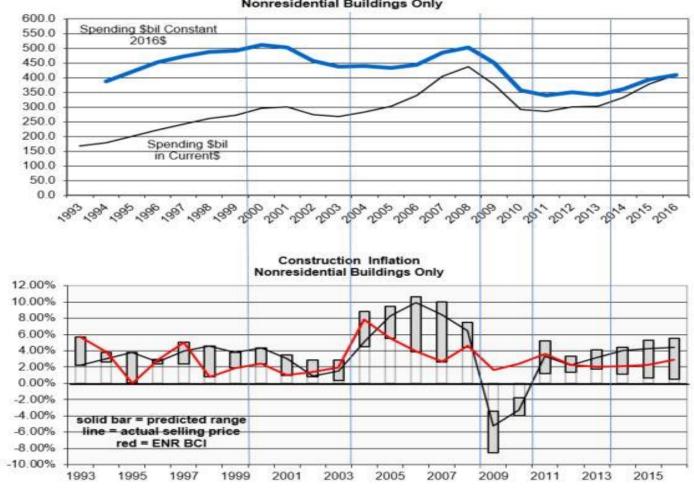
### **Additional Causes of Inflation**

- Labor Availability
- Productivity
- Schedule Extension
- Spending / Work Volume

How spending is moving has more impact on inflation than labor & mtrl

## Inflation vs Spending/Volume



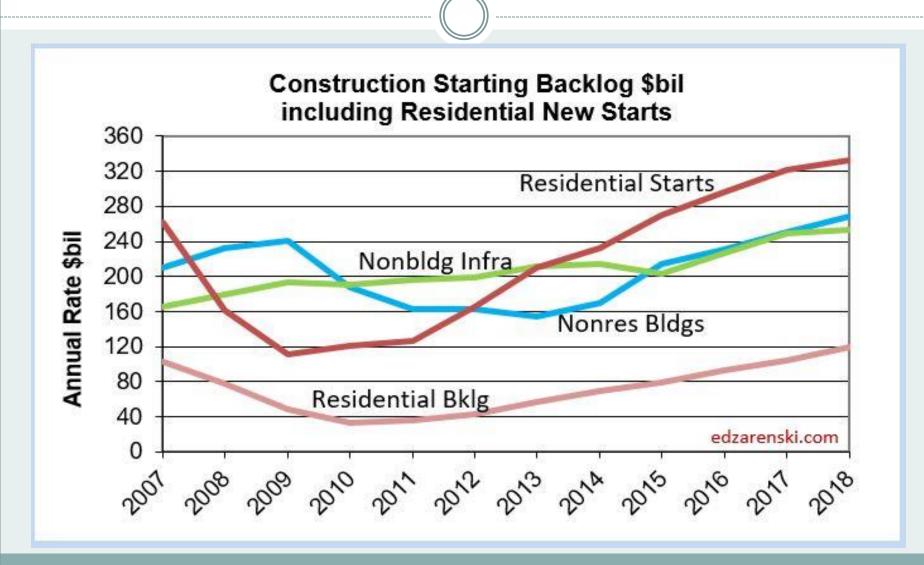


#### Starting Backlog + New Starts creates Cash Flow

- Nonres Bldgs Spending 70%-75 from Starting Backlog
- Residential Spending
  70% from New Starts

#### Cash Flow = Spending

- Backlog and New Starts is not Spending
- Cash Flow is Spending

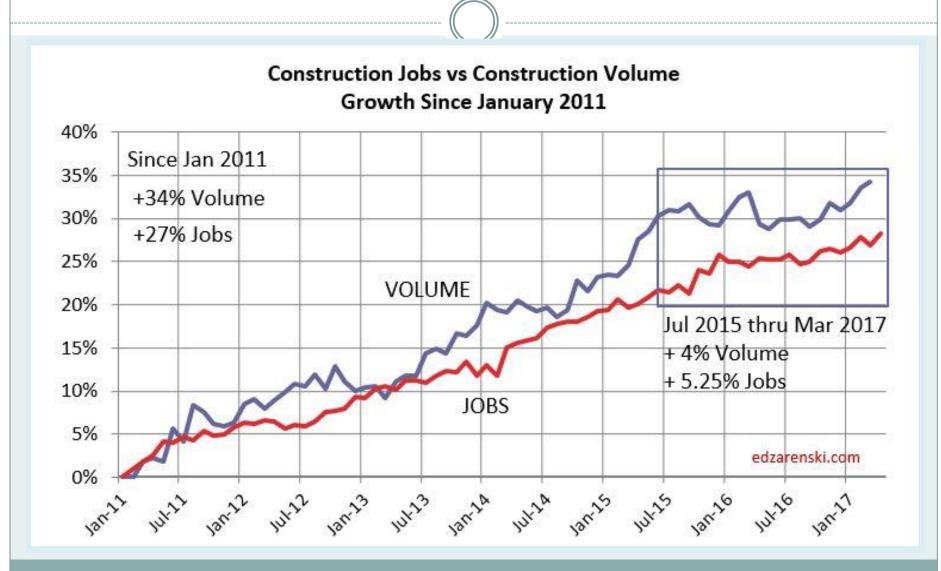


Spending = Revenue

Constant \$ Spending is Volume

Constant \$ Spending = adjusted for inflation

Volume dictates Staffing Needs



## Types of Inflation Indices

- LESS USEFUL
- Inputs
- PPI
- Labor & Material
- Market Basket
- Composite

- MORE USEFUL
- Outputs
- Selling Price
- Final Cost
- Trade
- Building Type
- Market Sector

## Complete Cost Indices

#### NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

- Construction Analytics Building Cost Index
- Turner Cost Index
- Rider Levett Bucknall Actual Cost Index

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

- o I H S Power Plant, Pipeline, Refine Costs
- National Highway Construction Cost Index
- Bureau of Reclamation Construction Cost Trends

#### RESIDENTIAL

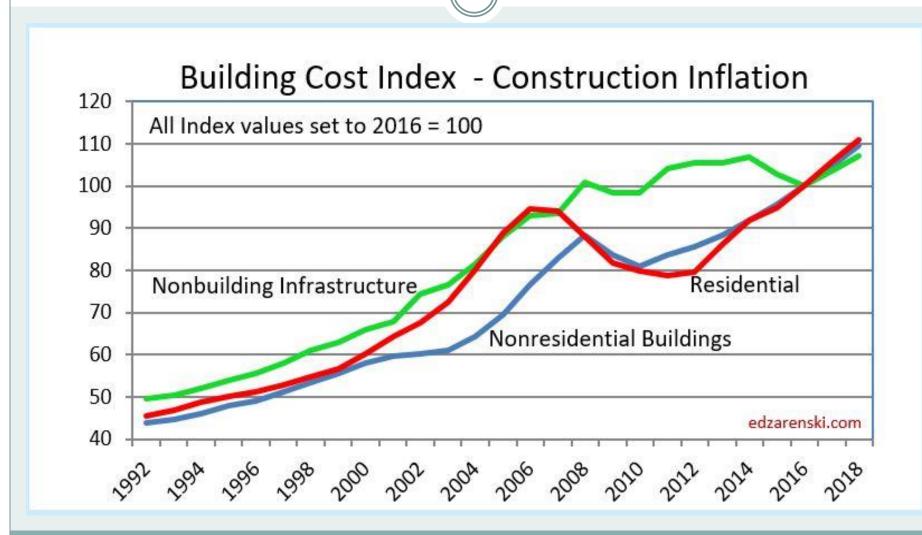
U S Census Constant Quality Single Family House

### **Construction Inflation Indices**

CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
SET TO CURRENT YEAR = 100									
NONRESIDENTIAL BLDGS	81.0	83.7	85.5	88.3	91.8	95.8	100.0	104.7	109.4
Turner Index actual cost	80.8	82.1	83.9	87.4	91.2	95.4	100.0	105.0	110.3
Rider Levett Bucknall Index actual cst	81.3	82.2	83.7	86.4	90.0	94.8	100.0	105.5	110.8
PPI School Bldg actual cost	87.2	89.6	92.7	94.1	97.2	99.1	100.0	102.5	105.1
PPI Office Bldg actual cost	87.8	89.6	92.1	93.4	96.1	98.4	100.0	102.5	105.1
PPI Concrete Contractor actual cost	88.8	89.2	90.0	91.5	93.0	95.9	100.0	104.0	107.1
PPI Electrical Contractor actual cost	88.1	90.6	92.7	93.5	94.7	97.9	100.0	102.5	105.1
BECK COST REPORT 5 cities	84.2	87.3	88.5	90.6	91.5	96.2	100.0	104.0	108.2
Mortenson avg 6 cities nonres bldg	81.4	85.6	88.1	90.7	94.1	96.6	100.0	103.5	107.1
RS Means Index Inputs	88.5	92.2	93.9	97.1	98.8	99.5	100.0	102.0	104.0
ENR BCI Index annual avg Inputs	86.1	89.2	91.3	93.1	95.0	97.2	100.0	102.5	105.1
PPI BNIS Industrial Structures Inputs	94.9	101.2	103.1	103.7	104.4	101.2	100.0	102.5	105.6
INFRASTRUCTURE Composite	98.5	104.0	105.6	105.5	106.9	102.9	100.0	103.6	107.1
FHWA Hiway Index NHCCI output	98.6	98.7	105.9	102.4	101.7	105.6	100.0	103.0	106.1
I H S UCCI Pipeline, LNG	111.1	117.8	122.2	128.9	129.4	111.1	100.0	104.0	108.2
I H S DCCI Refine, Petrochemical	93.5	100.5	104.9	107.6	108.1	108.1	100.0	104.0	108.2
RESIDENTIAL	79.9	78.8	79.7	86.1	91.8	94.9	100.0	105.8	111.0
US Cen Bur NEW Homes Lasperyes	79.9	80.8	81.6	86.9	92.7	94.8	100.0	106.0	111.3
S&P/Case Shiller HomePrice NATION/	79.8	76.8	77.8	85.3	90.9	95.0	100.0	105.5	110.8
All data updated to Dec. 2016 where available							edzarenski.com		

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### **Construction Inflation Indices**



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