

CONCRETE REPAIR MARKET BACK IN GROWTH

Survey findings, produced by the UK **Concrete Repair Association (CRA)** and relating to the concrete repair market for January to December 2004, show that the market increased by more than 7% on the previous twelve month period.

During 2004 the contract sales value of this specialist construction sector is estimated to have been worth £217m, compared to £202m in 2003 and £230m in 2002. CRA contractor members also reported that more than 1,600 new orders for concrete repair work, worth approximately £82m, had been won during the twelve month period.

For the second six-month period in a row, however, the figures indicate that whilst CRA members were successful in winning significantly more contracts, their total value had fallen slightly, indicating a continued marked trend towards smaller contracts being let.

In addition, 38% of CRA contractor members reported that they had experienced an increase in the number of work enquiries being received in the final six months of 2004, with a further 38% advising they had received the usual number.

The survey also revealed that contractor members were more buoyant about anticipated concrete repair work volumes during 2005. 50% expected the number of contracts to increase and the same number were anticipating a rise in the value of the work. Most, however, predicted no change or a reduction in margins.

Between them, CRA members account for the majority of concrete repair work carried out in the U.K. All are listed in a handy one-third A/4 size CRA Members Directory and are also contained on the CRA's popular CD-ROM.

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