

CONCRETE REPAIR MARKET BOUNDS BACK

Survey findings relating to the UK concrete repair market for 2005, produced by the **Concrete Repair Association (CRA)**, have revealed a growth in business volume for the second year running.

Figures for January to December 2005 indicate that contract value increased by more than 5% on the previous twelve month total, which itself had shown a growth of 7% over the previous year.

During 2005 the contract value of this specialist construction sector is estimated to have been worth nearly £230m, compared to £217m in 2004 and £202m in 2003, indicating that the total value of business had recovered to 2002 levels.

The figures also revealed that during the twelve month period, CRA members were successful in winning significantly more contracts than in previous years, with a corresponding increase in total value. Contractor members reported that almost 2,000 new orders for concrete repair work, worth approximately £113m, had been won.

In addition, 17% of CRA contractor members reported that they had experienced an increase in the number of work enquiries being received during 2005, with a further 33% advising they had received the usual number.

The survey also revealed that contractor members remained relatively buoyant about anticipated concrete repair work volumes during 2006. 33% 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 Members Directory, copies of which can be obtained, free of charge, from the Concrete Repair Association, Association House, 99 West Street, Farnham, Surrey GU7 7EN. Tel: 01252 739145. Fax: 01252 739140. Email: cra@associationhouse.org.uk Website: www.cra.org.uk

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