AGC Coronavirus Midwest Survey Results (May 18-21)

Total Responses: 152. Responses varied for some questions. Percentages are based on responses to each question and may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

1. Did an owner (including a public owner regarding its own projects) direct you to halt or cancel work on any current or upcoming projects? (check all that apply) Responses: 152.

- Halted project that was underway in April: 51%
- Canceled project that was scheduled to start in April: 18%
- Canceled project that was scheduled to start in May: 26%
- Canceled project that was scheduled to start in June or later: 26%
- Halted project that was underway in May: 18%
- No: 25%

2. To the best of your knowledge, why did the owner halt construction? (check all that apply) Responses: 128.

- To comply with state/local order to halt "non-essential" activity: 20%
- Owner’s concern about covid-19 danger surrounding project: 51%
- Owner’s expectation of reduced demand for project: 35%
- Loss of private funding (for example, from owner/investor/lenders/donors): 22%
- Loss of current or expected tax/fee/toll revenue: 13%
- Don’t know: 16%
- Other: 7%
3. Are you currently experiencing any project delays or disruptions due to the following? (check all that apply) Responses: 151.

- Shortage of personal protective equipment: 22%
- Any shortage of construction materials, equipment or parts: 30%
- Any shortage of the craftworkers that either you or your subcontractor require: 28%
- Any lack of needed government action or workers: 17%
- Any information that an infected individual has potentially infected a jobsite: 19%
- Difficulties securing financing or covering cash flow needs: 7%
- None of above: 34%

4. Have any suppliers notified you or (to the best of your knowledge) your subcontractors that their deliveries will be late or canceled? Responses: 152.

- Yes: 53%
- No: 47%
5. Did you begin working on any new or expanded construction as a result of the pandemic? Responses: 149.

- Medical (for example, hospital remodel, screening/testing facility, lab) in April: 15%
- Medical (for example, hospital remodel, screening/testing facility, lab) in May: 5%
- Other building (for example, manufacturing, distribution, shelter) in April: 3%
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- Highway (for example, more hours or lane closure allowed) in April: 1%
- Highway (for example, more hours or lane closure allowed) in May: 2%
- Utility infrastructure (new construction, maintenance, repair) in April: 2%
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- Medical (for example, hospital remodel, screening/testing facility, lab) in April: 15%
- Medical (for example, hospital remodel, screening/testing facility, lab) in May: 3%
- Other: 3%

6. Has your firm’s headcount changed as a result of project delays, cancellations, new federal emergency paid leave requirements, or booking new projects? (check all that apply) Responses: 151.

- Anticipate adding employees in next 4 weeks: 13%
- Added employees in May: 24%
- Added employees in April: 15%
- Added employees in March: 5%
- Anticipate needing to furlough or terminate employees in next 4 weeks: 15%
- Furloughed or terminated employees in May: 8%
- Furloughed or terminated employees in April: 13%
- Furloughed or terminated employees in March: 18%
- No change in headcount: 48%
7. By what percentage has your firm's headcount changed between March 1 and May 15? Responses: 152

- No change: 45%
- Down 1% to 10%: 19%
- Down 11% to 25%: 9%
- Down 26% to 50%: 3%
- Down more than 50%: 1%
- Up 1% to 10%: 18%
- Up more than 10%: 5%

8. What has been your experience since March 1 in terms of worker availability? (check all that apply)

Responses: 151.

- All employees continue to be available: 32%
- Some employees refuse to work, citing coronavirus concerns or family responsibilities: 45%
- Some employees refuse to work, citing other reasons (or unknown): 7%
- Recalled laid-off employees have reported when recalled: 21%
- Recalled laid-off employees have refused to work, citing preference for unemployment benefits: 17%
- Recalled laid-off employees have refused to work, citing coronavirus concerns or family responsibilities: 12%
- Recalled laid-off employees have refused to work, citing other reasons (or unknown): 2%
- It has been easier than before to hire qualified applicants: 7%
- It has been harder than before to hire qualified applicants: 13%
- No change in availability of qualified applicants: 14%
- Have not tried to hire: 16%
9. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) created a new forgivable loan program for businesses with 500 or fewer employees, called the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Did your firm apply or intend to apply for a PPP loan? Responses: 150.

- Yes, received and using funds: 80%
- Yes, received funds but decided to return them: 3%
- Yes, approved but did not receive funds yet: 0%
- Yes, applied and awaiting an answer: 1%
- Yes, applied but told no more funds are available: 1%
- Yes, applied but was rejected: 0%
- Intend to apply: 1%
- No; not eligible or not interested: 14%
- Don't know/need more information before deciding: 0%

10. If Congress takes further action to address the economic fallout from the coronavirus, which of these measures would be helpful to your business? (check all that apply) Responses: 147.

- No additional legislation is needed: 10%
- Multi-year surface transportation reauthorization with higher funding levels: 31%
- Larger federal investment in infrastructure (in addition to surface transportation): 42%
- Addressing the funding shortfalls for multi-employer pension plans: 30%
- Funding for state departments of transportation to help prevent project delays as a result of lost revenue from the pandemic: 37%
- More funding for loan programs to maintain cash flows: 22%
- Enact a pandemic risk insurance/covid-19 business and employee continuity and recovery fund: 33%
- Enact a “safe harbor” set of protocols to provide firms with protection from tort or employment liability for failing to prevent a covid-19 infection: 66%
- Other: 6%
11. Please list the principal types of owners you construct for (check all that apply) Responses: 151.

- Building: 83%
- Highway: 31%
- Utility infrastructure: 34%
- Federal: 22%
- Other: 7%