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WPA Material, Supply and Equipment Purchases Exceed \$500,000,000.

Purchases of materials, supplies and equipment for projects of the Works Progress Administration reached a cumulative total of \$503,681,761, as of September 30, 1937, according to a report released today by Harry L. Hopkins, WPA Administrator.

The purchase of lumber and its products constitutes the largest item, aggregating \$54,722,881 or more than 10 per cent of the entire amount. A total of \$44,176,623 was spent for cement and \$43,672,337 for paving materials and mixtures. Textiles rank fourth, having entailed an expenditure of \$40,083,505. Large expenditures were made for cast iron pipe and fittings, sand and gravel, crushed stone, concrete products, brick, hollow tile and other clay products, structural and reinforcing steel and other iron and steel products.

All purchases for WPA projects from Federal funds are made through the Procurement Division of the United States Treasury. Such purchases are made locally wherever possible.

(The attached table shows the types of materials purchased and the amount spent for each.)

VALUE OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FOR WPA PROJECTS
BY TYPES OF MATERIALS

Cumulative through September 30, 1937

(Subject to Revision)

Type of Material	Total
GRAND TOTAL	\$503,681,761
Lumber and Its Products (excl. furniture)	54,722,881
Paints and varnishes	8,859,486
Sand and gravel	31,938,225
Crushed stone	26,097,517
Cement	44,176,623
Concrete products	23,647,261
Brick, hollow tile, and other clay products	24,057,286
Stone and glass products, N.E.C.*	18,848,577
Structural and reinforcing steel	25,056,424
Cast iron pipe and fittings	30,454,398
Plumbing equipment and supplies	5,810,761
Heating and ventilating equipment and supplies	4,940,023
Tools (excluding machine tools)	8,914,813
Other iron and steel products	24,498,550
Electrical machinery, apparatus and supplies	10,237,013
Paving machinery, apparatus, and supplies	753,294
Motor Trucks	1,279,757
Other machinery and equipment	9,044,164
Paving materials and mixtures - Bituminous	43,672,337
Petroleum products, N.E.C.*	11,127,854
Office supplies and equipment (inc. furniture)	5,836,172
Textiles	40,033,505
Chemicals and explosives	6,425,905
Coal and other fuel except wood and petroleum	2,036,997
Tires and rubber goods	1,208,948
Non-ferrous metals	2,510,655
Miscellaneous	37,442,335

*N.E.C. Not elsewhere classified

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