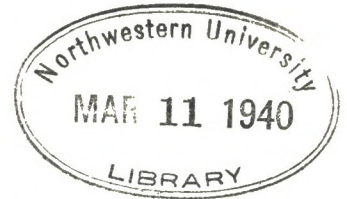


FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY  
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION

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WPA PROJECTS PROVIDE \$50,000,000 BUSINESS MONTHLY IN MATERIALS, SUPPLIES  
AND EQUIPMENT

Federal, state and local governments have been doing more than \$50,000,000 worth of business a month with concerns and individuals providing materials, supplies and equipment for WPA projects, according to an analysis of non-labor costs made public today by Colonel F. C. Harrington, Commissioner of Work Projects.

These funds flow in nearly every channel of the durable goods industries, stimulating production and providing private employment in factories, mines, forests and transportation, Colonel Harrington said. He pointed out that an average of \$120,000,000 additional--the wages paid by the Federal government to project workers--is being spent each month for consumers' goods and services.

About one-fourth of the current non-labor costs is borne by WPA under a limitation of \$6 a month per project worker for such expenditures. The rest is provided by state, county, city and other local government units, which have been paying an increased proportion of the non-labor costs. The funds expended for materials, supplies and purchases are estimated to average \$53,200,000 a month from January through March of this year.

Purchase of materials and supplies accounts for about \$30,500,000 a month and rental of equipment such as trucks and road-building machinery for about \$17,600,000.

The principal class of purchases is stone, clay and glass products, totaling an estimated \$11,000,000 a month, or about one-fifth of all non-labor expenditures. Orders aggregating about \$4,800,000 are being placed for iron and steel products each month. Lumber and lumber products industries receive approximately \$2,600,000; dealers in bituminous mixtures, used principally in paving, about \$3,600,000; and the textile industry \$2,200,000. Machinery and equipment purchases amount to \$1,500,000. Of the equipment rental expenditures, motor vehicles account for \$9,000,000 and construction equipment for \$7,700,000.

(The attached table shows in detail the non-labor expenditures.)

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ESTIMATED FEDERAL AND SPONSORS' AVERAGE MONTHLY NON-LABOR COSTS ON PROJECTS  
OPERATED BY THE WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION, BY TYPE OF COST

January - March 1940

Type	Amount	Percent Distribution
Grand Total	\$53,200,000	100.0
<u>Purchase of Materials, Supplies and Equipment</u>	30,500,000	57.3
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	11,000,000	20.6
Brick, tile and other clay products	1,200,000	2.3
Cement	3,000,000	5.6
Concrete products	1,500,000	2.8
Crushed Stone	2,200,000	4.1
Sand and Gravel	2,100,000	3.9
Stone and Glass Products, N.E.C.	1,000,000	1.9
Iron and Steel Products	4,800,000	9.0
Cast iron pipe and fittings	1,100,000	2.1
Heating and ventilating equipment	200,000	0.4
Structural and reinforcing steel	1,100,000	2.1
Tools (excluding machine tools)	300,000	0.5
Other iron and steel products, N.E.C.	2,100,000	3.9
Lumber and Its Products (excluding Furniture)	2,600,000	4.9
Bituminous Mixtures - Paving and Other	3,600,000	6.8
Textiles	2,200,000	4.1
Machinery and Equipment	1,500,000	2.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and supplies	600,000	1.1
Paving and other road building machinery and equipment	100,000	0.2
Other machinery, N.E.C.	800,000	1.5
Motor Trucks and Tractors	200,000	0.4
Chemicals and Allied Products	900,000	1.7
Chemicals and explosives	500,000	0.9
Paints and varnishes	400,000	0.8
Petroleum Products	900,000	1.7
Miscellaneous	2,800,000	5.3
Coal and other fuel, except wood and petroleum	100,000	0.2
Non-ferrous metals	200,000	0.4
Office supplies and equipment (including furniture)	300,000	0.5
Plumbing equipment and supplies	400,000	0.8
Tires and rubber goods	100,000	0.2
Other materials, N.E.C.	1,700,000	3.2
<u>Rental of Equipment</u>	17,600,000	33.1
Motor Vehicles	9,000,000	16.9
Teams and Wagons	200,000	0.4
Paving, Road Building, and Other Construction Machinery	7,700,000	14.5
Other Equipment (including office equipment)	700,000	1.3
<u>Other</u>	5,100,000	9.6

N.E.C.: Not Elsewhere Classified.

Source: Based on WPA reports of purchases adjusted to voucher payments (checks issued) as reported by the U.S. Treasury Department.