



## Construction Industry Round Table

## Economic News

*A force for positive change in the design / construction industry*

### **2/01/13 – Unemployment Inches Higher to 7.9%**

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 157,000 in January, but the overall unemployment rate inched up (opposite to what was expected) to 7.9 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Unfortunately, some 1.32 million construction workers remained unemployed in January for a total of 16.1% (seasonal unadjusted). [[See CIRT Table for details and trends](#)].