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12/12/2016 – Uncertainty and Election Cast Shadow Over Fourth Quarter Sentiment

As the CIRT members were responding to the 4th Quarter 2016 Sentiment Index, the nation was in the midst of a presidential election and some uncertainty regarding the direction of the economy. Consequently, the quarter's virtually neutral **50.4** reading represents the lowest score for the CIRT Sentiment Index since the fourth quarter of 2009 (when the economy was just beginning to pull out of recession). However, with the election now behind us, much of that uncertainty may have dissipated as evidenced by a rebound on Wall Street which seems to indicate the markets expect a more supportive business environment coming out of a new Trump Administration. [See, [CIRT Sentiment Index Report](#)].