



## Construction Industry Round Table

## Economic News

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

### **02/01/2017 – U.S. Economy Stagnates in Fourth Quarter of 2016**

Real gross domestic product (GDP) increased at a tepid annual rate of 1.9 percent in the fourth quarter of 2016, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. This puts 2016's likely growth rate at only 1.6 percent, well below estimates and underperforming expectations for the year (and the quarter). [This data also means that GDP growth will not exceed 3.0% for 11 years straight].

*Real gross domestic product (GDP)* -- the value of the goods and services produced by the nation's economy less the value of the goods and services used up in production, adjusted for price changes -- in the first quarter reflected a larger decrease in nonresidential fixed investment, a deceleration in PCE, a downturn in federal government spending, an upturn in imports, and larger decreases in private inventory investment and in exports that were partly offset by an upturn in state and local government spending and an acceleration in residential fixed investment.