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U.S. Construction Statistics: Third Quarter 2007

Year-to-Date Housing Starts (in thousands)

	U.S. Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
YTD September 2006	1,442.6	128.8	225.2	733.9	354.7
YTD September 2007	1,079.6	110.2	165.5	545.3	258.6
Change YTD September 2007	-25.2%	-14.5%	-26.5%	-25.7%	-27.1%

Year-to-Date U.S. Construction Spending (in thousands)

	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	
	September 2007	September 2006	% Change
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Total Construction	872,244	900,985	-3.2
Total Private Construction 1	659,467	710,684	-7.2
Residential	405,426	493,657	-17.9
Nonresidential	254,041	217,026	17.1
Lodging	20,317	12,541	62.0
Office	40,592	33,697	20.5
Commercial	60,902	53,364	14.1
Health care	27,240	24,402	11.6
Educational	12,239	10,186	20.2
Religious	5,622	5,718	-1.7
Amusement and recreation	6,603	6,692	-1.3
Transportation	6,202	5,910	4.9
Communication	18,612	15,558	19.6
Power	27,846	22,451	24.0
Manufacturing	26,539	25,236	5.2
Total Public Construction 2	212,778	190,301	11.8
Residential	5,409	4,521	19.6
Nonresidential	207,369	185,780	11.6
Office	7,339	6,222	18.0
Commercial	2,728	2,394	14.0
Health care	5,975	4,649	28.5
Educational	61,203	54,206	12.9
Public safety	6,771	5,305	27.6
Amusement and recreation	8,288	6,751	22.8
Transportation	16,135	13,909	16.0
Power	7,693	6,496	18.4
Highway and street	56,799	54,053	5.1
Sewage and waste disposal	17,867	16,775	6.5
Water supply	11,425	10,725	6.5
Conservation and development	4,065	3,926	3.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

tural markets. The business had 2006 sales of \$12 million.

Katy Industries, Inc., Arlington, VA, has agreed to sell its Electrical Products Group, comprised of **Woods Industries** Inc. and **Woods Industries** (**Canada**) Inc., to **Coleman Cable** Inc. for \$45 million.

Barnes Group Inc., Bristol, CT, aerospace and industrial components manufacturer and distributor, reported third quarter 2007 sales of \$360.4 million, an increase of 11.9 percent. Profit was

\$27.7 million, up 46.7 percent.

Interline Brands, Inc., Jacksonville, FL, a distributor and direct marketer of maintenance, repair and operations products, reported sales were up 5.1 percent in the third quarter 2007 ended Sept. 28. Sales were \$330.2 million.

Industrial Distribution Group, Inc., Atlanta, GA, reported sales fell 3 percent to \$134.3 mil-

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