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39 states add jobs year-over-year in March; first-quarter starts decline, ConstructConnect reports

Seasonally adjusted **construction employment** rose year-over-year (y/y) from March 2023 to March 2024 **in** 39 **states**, fell in 10 states and the District of Columbia, and was unchanged in Vermont, according to AGC's analysis of data the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) posted today. California added the most construction employees (33,900 or 3.8%), followed by Texas (28,600, 3.5%) and Florida (23,000, 3.7%). Alaska again had the steepest percentage increase (16%, 2,700), followed by South Dakota (11%, 3,000) and Arkansas (9.7%, 6,000). The largest job losses again occurred in New York (-9,700, -2.5%) and Washington (-8,400, -3.6%), followed by Maryland (-4,700, -2.9%). The steepest percentage loss occurred in Washington, followed by Maryland and North Dakota (-2.9%, -800 jobs). **For the month**, construction employment rose in 36 states and D.C., fell in 13 states and was unchanged in Rhode Island. Twenty-seven states added jobs in March, 13 fell and Rhode Island was unchanged.