
HR SPENDING AT 5-YEAR-LOW FOR ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL FIRMS



A report out from consultants ZweigWhite, shows a decline in operating expenses for Architecture Engineering, Planning & Environmental Firms. The survey shows that, in 2010, the median total human resources spending as a percentage of net service revenue dropped down to .9% this year. That number marks a five year low.

Christine Brack, PMP, Principal, ZweigWhite Strategic Advisory Services, said, "Over the last year and a half, the industry clamored to find creative ways to reduce general operating and overhead expenses, and maintain some dignity while functioning on Ramen-noodle budgets." In 2007, the percentage rested at a high of 1.3%, dropping to 1%, in 2008 and 2009. Brack demonstrated the impact of reducing spending, saying, "Cutting costs will have an impact on the recipients. The marketing associate who can't develop a new postcard, the employees who have to contribute more to their health plan, and the designers who cannot work with the newest software."

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