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**Statement of Terence M. O'Sullivan,
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On Today's Job Report and Drop in Construction Employment**

Washington, D.C. (January 4, 2008) -- Today's alarming job market report calls out loudly for an aggressive economic stimulus program to rescue our nation's economy from the brink of recession.

While working people in many occupations are being hit hard by unemployment, the men and women who build America – those in the construction industry – are being hit the hardest.

Previous jobs reports have indicated tens of thousands of layoffs in the residential construction industry. Today's report paints a picture of continued crisis for residential construction workers, but also shows a significant downturn in jobs for workers in non-residential construction.

Congress and those seeking the White House must call for real economic stimulus in the form of a program to rebuild America and help restore our nation's decaying infrastructure. It is time to put men and women back to work doing what they do best – building America – and rescue our economy from the brink of recession.

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The half-million members of LIUNA – the Laborers' International Union of North America – are on the forefront of the construction industry, a powerhouse of 10 million workers who produce 5 percent of the U.S. economic output.