AN INVESTIGATION OF CHALLENGES FACING PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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ABSTRACT

Kenyan stakeholders in the construction industry find it hard to get tenders. For example Thika super highway the Expansion Program at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) being constructed by the WU-SHI. The China Road and Bridge Corporation and SHENG-LI respectively all are international contractors from China. Some reasons being lack of funding, unfamiliar procedure in procurement, malpractice by officials during procurement, lack of skilled personnel and are ill equipped for such tenders. The study looked into the various challenges faced by stakeholders in the construction industry, this include finding out law requisites, malpractice effects, practices currently being used and get to understand why we have only few stakeholders in this vital sector. The study targeted various stakeholders in the construction industry who are contractors, architects, engineers, governments, local developers’ consultants amongst others. This study took a sample of 30 people all in the construction industry representing different interests and possessing skills and experience each of more than five years. Public, private and the government stakeholders were represented in this sample size. The researcher found out that the players in this industry should take initiative to equip them with knowledge, ranging from knowing the laws concerning procurements to acquiring skilled employees. The authorities should establish a good code of conduct in public procurement procedures. The government should establish schools which are capable to produce capable and skilled labor force.