AN INVESTIGATION OF CHALLENGES FACING PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY;
A Case Study of Intex Construction Company.

BY: YEGON K. VICTOR
REG NO: L126/22922/2013

A Research Project submitted in Partial Fulfillment of the requirement for the Award of Diploma in Purchasing and Supplies Management of the University Of Nairobi.

2014
DECLARATION

This is my original work and has never been presented in any university for any academic award.

Signed .......... Date 11/08/2014

Yegon K. Victor

Supervisor’s Declaration.

This project has been submitted for review with my approval as university supervisor.

Signed .......... Date 11/08/2014
ABSTRACT

Kenyan stakeholders in the construction industry find it hard to get tenders especially for big projects. Examples of such big projects which have been given to foreign companies include the construction of the Thika Super Highway and the Expansion Program at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA). Inadequate funds, unfamiliar procedure in awarding of tenders, malpractices by procurement officials during procurement process and lack of skilled personnel who have sufficient knowledge and skills for such tenders are some of the reasons given for this difficulty. The study looked into the various challenges faced by stakeholders in the construction industry. Previous studies have shown that some of these challenges include legal requirements, effects brought by malpractices, procedures currently being used and few stakeholders in this vital sector. The study targeted various stakeholders in the construction industry. It focused mainly on the staff of Intex Construction Company who included contractors, architects, engineers, Government, laborers among others. A sample of 30 professionals in the construction industry represented different areas of the industry. The professionals also included those from the public and private sector. Data was analyzed and presented in the form of tables and percentages. The researcher found out that the players in this industry should take initiative to equip themselves with knowledge, ranging from knowing the laws concerning procurements activities to acquiring skilled employees and staffs working for Intex Construction Company. In conclusion, private and individual companies should be encouraged to participate in public procurement to enhance competitive service delivery. The authorities should put in place policies that guide public procurement procedures. The government should establish schools capable of equipping scholars with procurements procedures. This should be in harmony with the procurement Acts as laid down in the constitution, thus producing skilled labor force.