**Evaluating of Critical Risk According to the Process- Protocol Stages for Road Construction Projects**

Road construction projects are complex endeavours that involve numerous risks that can im[pact the success of the project. Identifying and managing critical risks is essential to ensuring the project meets desirable goals. this study assessed the critical risks in the pre- project, pre-construction, construction and post - construction stages of the road construction projects according to the process protocol approach. The study adopted a descriptive survey design and data were collected using a questionnaire survey from 60purposively selected respondents in two civil engineering construction organisations who have been involved in procuring roads in Nigeria. Data were analysed descriptively using mean, standard deviation and ranking. The results from the study revealed that, bribery and corruption, religious and cultural conflicts, bureaucracy of governmenet appeare critical in all 4 stages while safety and security appeared critical in only 3 stages. Adapting a systemamtic and proper risk management procedure before and during the lifecycle of project was revealed to beneficial for roa construction projects. The study recommends that ensure efficient project delivery of road projects, policy makers and government should pay attention to the road identification of critical risk and provide adequate measures to mitigate such as may arise in road construction projects .

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