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ABSTRACT

This study developed and evaluated a Web software solution for design within the Nigerian context, using the University of Lagos as the reference environment. The study was guided by four specific objectives: to analyse the existing manual process and its challenges; to design a Web application that addresses those challenges; to implement the proposed system using appropriate programming languages and frameworks; and to test and evaluate the system for functionality, usability, and reliability. The pragmatic research design adopted for the study was anchored on the Structural Load Theory and the Soil Mechanics Theory. A total of 79 users were purposively selected for the usability evaluation, out of which 75 responses were found valid for analysis. Data were analysed using percentage scores, mean scores on the System Usability Scale (SUS), and functional test results at a 0.05 level of significance. The findings revealed that the proposed system achieved an overall usability score of 81.9% and significantly reduced the mean processing time compared with the existing manual approach. The study recommends the deployment of the system for full-scale adoption, periodic maintenance, and sustained training of users so as to maximise its benefits.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

The study of design and implementation of a supplier and procurement management system for construction firms is situated within a body of scholarship that has grown rapidly in the past two decades. This section of the chapter traces the background to the study by examining the historical, theoretical, and practical dimensions of the subject.

The relationship between design and implementation has been the subject of sustained academic interest across several disciplines. Within Lagos State, the country's most populous commercial hub, the dynamics of design are observed in their starkest form. Longitudinal research by Okonkwo and Ogunlana (2016) revealed that sustained attention to design yields appreciable dividends over time. The cumulative effect of these dynamics is a situation that demands urgent and coordinated intervention. Comparative work by Kalu and Bakare (2022) across several states uncovered a consistent pattern linking design with implementation. The cumulative effect of these dynamics is a situation that demands urgent and coordinated intervention. It is therefore imperative that further empirical work be undertaken to clarify the causal relationships at stake.

Contemporary scholarship increasingly frames design as inseparable from the broader question of implementation. Federal and state governments have initiated several reforms, yet implementation gaps continue to constrain progress in matters of design. Studies conducted within the West African subregion by Olawale and Nnamdi (2018) reached conclusions broadly consistent with the Nigerian evidence. The weight of evidence therefore points toward a renewed commitment to evidence-based decision-making. Longitudinal research by Ibrahim and Ibrahim (2016) revealed that sustained attention to design yields appreciable dividends over time. Such findings reinforce the argument that design deserves a place of priority on the development agenda. Nevertheless, the existing literature is not without its limitations, and several questions remain unresolved.

A growing corpus of literature draws attention to the pivotal role of design in shaping developmental trajectories. Economic pressures and resource scarcity frequently determine the pace at which design advances in practice. An examination by Ibrahim and Ibrahim (2019) attributed much of the observed variation in outcomes to institutional capacity and policy continuity. Sustained engagement with the issues raised here is therefore essential if meaningful progress is to be recorded. The work of Ekwueme and Oyelaran (2023) extended earlier analyses by demonstrating that implementation reinforces the effects of design. The weight of evidence therefore points toward a renewed commitment to evidence-based decision-making. The reviewed studies, while valuable, are frequently dated, small in scale, or confined to a single locality.

Over the past two decades, design has become increasingly significant within the Nigerian landscape and beyond. Within Lagos State, the country's most populous commercial hub, the dynamics of design are observed in their starkest form. The work of Nnamdi and Alade (2023) extended earlier analyses by demonstrating that implementation reinforces the effects of design. Left unaddressed, the identified patterns