Abstract

The functions of the Building Construction Authority (BCA) Contractors Registration System is a system to register and pre-qualify both local and foreign contractors for the procurement of public sector projects. It has also gained widespread recognition and acceptance by the private sector companies as an accreditation system for their construction procurement needs.

Projects are getting larger and more complex over the years and clients are getting more sophisticated and better informed and demanding a higher standard for quality and products. BCA’s move to revise the registration system is to reflect this transformation in the new economy. It is intended to address the shortfalls of the present requirements and to encourage the contractors to upgrade themselves so as to improve the construction industry.

This dissertation sought to investigate whether the revised contractors registry will have a positive impact on the local construction industry. The research findings were based on a survey of contractors registered with BCA to find out how the industry perceives the revamp.

A major finding is that the contractors are generally supportive of the implementation and agree that it will help to address some of the problems inherent in the building sector. They also agree that the revised registry will spur them to improve their financial, technical and management capability as well as help to distinguish the better contractors from the crowd.