



# **ESTIMATING AND BUDGETING FOR A PROPOSED MEDIUM SCALE BUILDING**

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## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1:0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This project is based on estimating and budgeting for a propose medium scale building.(A case study of a proposed hospital building for the institute of environmental studies, Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin.) Kwara State Ilorin is one of the 36 States we have in Nigeria.

Kwara State is located in the northern part of Nigeria. It comprises of sev eral higher institution which include University of Ilorin, Kwara State college of e ducation, Al- Hikmah University, Summit university, Offa Crownhill university, Uni versity of Offa, Lens Polytechnic Offa, The Polythenic Igbo Owu, Graceland Poly technic, Ahman Pategi university, Thomas Adewunmi University, Newland Polyte chnic, Kwara State University, Federal Polytechnic Offa, Landmark University and Kwara State Polytechnic, which serves as our area of concentration in which the proposed hospital will be located.

Due to high development in terms of building construction that is going o n in Kwara State Polytechnic which give room for the erection of a new hospital for Kwara state Polytechnic. In order to care and facilitate and effective workin g condition for the benefit of both lecturer and the student which do not exclud e the institution.

As a result of the above mentioned reason, estimation (l.e taking off, abst

racting, bills,) is to be prepared, which serves as the main objectives of this project because many buildings in Nigeria today have not been completed as a result of improper cost planning.

The design team on consultancy services is headed by the architect, civil engineers, who carry out the design. This process are planned office work into the requirement of the client. The production of a building in a more economical, quick and orderly manner, other professional functions along side with the Architect for the cost implication and professional needed at the stage is the Quantity Surveyor. It is plant material and financial aspect in order to produce building in the quick and economical manner.

### **1.1 DESCRIPTION OF WORKS**

The building project comprises of the construction of a proposed medium scale building,(A case study of a proposed hospital building for the institute of environmental studies for Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin.) The building has a rectangular shape with land area of about 38,000mm in length and 11,600m widths.

The construction is found on the plain in-situ concrete foundation with over site concrete floor which is of a reinforced concrete slab (150mm thick). The walls are 230mm thick hollow sand Crete block. The roofing used is long span aluminum on timber roof structure, windows are of aluminum glazed sliding by two (2) side and swing opening in the center, steel frame security metal door with top fixed aluminum window and hard wood frame solid oak panel door with



season wood, thick ply wood in 150mm x 150mm hard wood timber frame.

The walls are rendered and painted with emulsion internally and textured paint externally. Floor finishing is of tiles finishing on 150mm concrete floor.

Services conducted are mechanical and electrical installation as well as fire fighting and alarm system.

## **1:2 AIM AND OBJECTIVES**

The aim of the project is to estimate and budget for a proposed medium scale building. (A case study of a proposed hospital building for the institute of environmental studies, Kwara state polytechnic, Ilorin).

### **1:2:1 OBJECTIVES**

1. The objective of this project or study determines the effect of site location and

Construction on estimating and budgeting of cost of building project.

2. To determine the effect of site location and construction on the cost of building

Project.

3. To understand the process involved in preparation of Bills of Quantities (BOQ).

## **1:3 SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS**

The scope of this project is to prepare a bill of quantities (BOQ) for a pro

posed hospital building for Kwara state polytechnic.

### **1:3:1 LIMITATION**

1. Inability to conduct proper site investigation.
2. Inadequate design information.
3. Pricing (market survey) was not carried out to determine actual price of measured items.

### **1.4 DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**PRIME COST SUM:** This is an allowance within a construction contract for the cost of specific goods or services, typically chosen by the client and supplied by a nominated contractor or supplier. Essentially, it's a budget for items like fixtures or fittings where the exact details and cost are not yet determined when the main contract is signed.

**CONTINGENCY SUM:** Is a pre-determined amount of money set aside to cover unforeseen costs or risks that may arise during the project's execution.

**PROVISIONAL COST SUM:** is an estimated amount of money included in a construction contract to cover work or materials that are not fully defined or detailed when the contract is signed.

**ESTIMATING:** Is the process of finding an approximate value or quantity, often without precise measurement or calculation And Predicting cost of construction.

**PRELIMINARIES ITEMS:** Are costs and activities necessary for a project's setup and execution that are not directly tied to the finished work.

**TENDER:** Is a formal offer, also known as a bid, submitted by a contractor to undertake a specific project or provide services at a predetermined price and within a set time frame.

**PLANT:** These are tools, machines and equipment needed for the smooth execution of project.

**PROJECT:** A temporary endeavor (it has a start and end date), undertaken to create a unique product, service.

## **CHAPTER TWO**

### **SITE REPORT**

#### **2:0 TITLE**

Estimating And Budgeting for a Proposed Medium Scale Building. (A Case Study Of a Proposed Hospital Building for The Institute Of Environmental Studies, Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin.)

#### **2:1 SITE DESCRIPTION**

The proposed hospital building has a total length of 36000mm and 11,600 mm in width which appear to be in a rectangular shapes.

The site is located at Kwara State Polytechnic at the Polytechnic at the scho

ol premises. It comprises of small and big trees which needs to be cleared away from the site.

## **2:2 LOCATION**

The site is located within the Institute of Environmental Studies (IES) at the permanent site of Kwara state Polytechnic.

### **2:2:1 ACCESSIBILITY**

There are unbound roads leading to the site from the main road in the school, So there is no problem for the accessibility of material to be delivered on site and the labor to resume to work as early as possible.

### **2:2:2 NATURE OF THE LAND**

The proposed site of the building is a virgin land. The land is human nature and frictional with a flat surface, this will minimize the construction cost of the foundation because of the balanced surface compare to that of the sloppy area which increase the constructional cost.

## **2.3 AVAILABILITY AND PROXIMITY OF RESOURCES**

Availability of construction resources simply means the extent of convenience at which the resources can be found in the market and the selling price. While proximity means the closeness of the materials resources of the proposed site, the construction resources include the following.

### **PLANT**

All necessary plant needed for the proposed projects are readily available in Ilorin. Such plant include concrete mixer, bulldozer, electric generator,

compacting machine etc all mentioned planed can be hired in area's not far to the site.

## **MATERIALS**

The whole material necessary for this project all are available at Ilorin, but costly to some materials price in some area of the country.

However, all the materials needed for the smoothly execution of this proposed project is a little but remote to the site.

## **LABOUR**

The human effort that is necessary and needed on the proposed project, All can be found at nearby village and area's the need to be transported on a daily basis from their homes to the site within a short distance.

## **2:4 TENDER OF PRELIMINARY REQUIRED**

To an extent preliminaries items have a great effect on construction project such preliminaries items are explained below.

## **SCAFFOLDING**

There should be a provision for scaffolding because the project required roofing works, there will be needed for rendering and painting at the higher level of the building.

## **SETTING OUT**

This is the transfer of information on the building drawing to the ground with high degree of accuracy. In setting out site clearance is necessary by cutting down for trees and edges & topsoil excavation before making the provisions of

setting out instruments such as profile pegs, measuring tape, Builder square etc before the commencement of site operations.

### **TEMPORARY ROAD**

This is done temporary to provide easy access to the site during work.

### **TEMPORARY FENCE**

Temporary fence should be done to cover and protect the materials on site from vandalism.

### **FIRST AID BOX**

This is very important in any construction due to some injury that may occur on site which might be minor or major Injuries before being taken to the hospital.

## **CHAPTER THREE**

### **PROJECT METHODOLOGY**

#### **3:0 TAKING OFF PROCESS**

The order of taking-off as described [Seeley 1988] largely follows the order of construction to simplify the work and to reduce the risk of items being mi

ssed, but it's not necessarily that adopted in standard method of measurement.

The measured items will then subsequently be solved into bill order which can embrace the work section in standard method of measurement to secure uniformity and assist with a number of skin work sections such as 1.5 (excavating and filling) 1.11[mixing, casting turning in situ zone), 1.14[brick and block walling].In a simple building the order of taking off could take from shown in the following schedule.

Although it will be appreciated that this may be varied to suit individual preferences and specific location.

Section of work copied from [BESMM 4 R]

	A	B	C	D		A	B	C	D

Columns A: are the time sing columns: these columns are used to enter multipliers when there is more than of the particular items being measured.

		7 3.89 4.00		
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TIMESING COLUMN

COLUMNS B ; are the dimension columns these columns are used to record the dimension in meters. Each linear dimension is underlined.

			Length	LINEAR
		7.59		

		3.45	Length	AREA
		7.59	Width	

		3.45	Length	VOLUME
		7.59	Width	
		0.15	Height/depth	





ption on the dimension sheet but the most acceptable however, is description which commence in the same level with its first dimension. The example below shows the dimension and description should be arrange in dimension sheet.

	4	3.45 0.68 0.45	7.90	Hardcore filling to make up level under floor average thickness not exceeding 250mm.
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#### WASTE CALCULATION

#### N

This is an imaginary column occupying the right hand side of the description columns in which the take-off inserts any preliminary calculation (waste) which may be necessary in order to arrive at the dimensions.

All preliminary calculations must be shown in waste, they need to be set down accurately and carefully so they can be checked.

They should be written either above or below the descriptions to avoid confusion.

Waste calculations is necessary for each dimension except in the following situation:-

A When a scaled or figured dimensions, can be transferred direct from the drawing to the dimension column.

B. When the dimension has been deprived from a previous waste calculation

s.

- C. When a dimension has been inserted from a previous dimension.
- D. In all other instance the preliminary calculation, should be on waste.

Waste calculations should be done in millimeters (mm) or in three places of decimal. Final figures are then rounded off to the nearest 10mm before being transferred to the dimension column.

### **3:0:1 METHOD OF TAKING-OFF**

**NILL:** Is a method of canceling wrong during taking-off process. Nil may be done in three (3) ways i.e. on waste calculations, on framed description and on figured dimensions.

#### **3.0.2 SELECTION OF TAKING-OFF**

The taking off dimension is usually divided into section under the main subdivision of

- a) Sub structure
- b) Super structure
- c) Finishes
- d) Services
- e) External work

This section found in a normal building would generally comprises the following:

- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| a) Sub structure   | 1. Sub structure |
| b) Super structure | 2. Frame         |

c) Finishes

- 3. upper floors
- 4. Roof
- 5. Stairs
- 6. external walls
- 7. windows and doors
- 8. internal walls and partitions
- 9. internal doors

d) Services

- 10. Walls finishes
- 11. ceiling finishes
- 12. Sanitary appliance
- 13. disposal installations
- 14. waste installations
- 15. Heating installations
- 16. Electrical installations
- 17. Gas installations
- 18. Lift installations
- 19. Communication installations
- 20. Builder's work in condition with service

e) External work

- 21. Site work
- 22. Drainage

### **3.1 ABSTRACTING PROCESS**

After the squaring process, the next process is abstracting. This is in a specially ruled sheet. The sheets are ruled with series of vertical lines that are spaced about 250mm apart and usually on A4 in width. Each abstract sheet is headed with the job reference, sheet number and work section and possibly the sub-structure of the work to which the abstract dimension refer, the sheet may be divided into work section or element.

Abstracting is process where various items are stored out into their respective trades as they are entered on the abstract paper.

Description are usually spaced over two columns. The dimension are entered in the left hand column while any deductions are entered on the right hand column.

The order of abstracting is to commence with cubic items, followed by superficial (square), linear and finally enumerated items. Also labour items should proceed labour and materials, smaller items proceeding larger ones and cheaper items proceeding more expensive items.

### **3:2 BILL OF QUANTITIES (BOQ)**

A Bill of Quantities is a document used in construction projects to detail the quantity and cost of materials, labor, and other items needed for a project, serving as a basis for tendering and cost management.

It is a crucial document for both contractors and clients, ensuring transparency and accuracy in the tendering and contract administration process.

BOQ itemizes all the elements of a construction project, including materials, labor, and equipment, with clear descriptions and quantities.

### **CONTENTS OF THE BILLS OF QUANTITIES (BOQ)**

The principal use of the bills of quantities is to obtain competitive tenders and for this purpose BOQ should be prepared to a recognized method of measurement to standardize the bills. Bills of quantities prepared in accordance with a standard method of measurement, fully described and accurate represent the works to be executed and this provides a uniform basis for competitive tendering.

During the construction of the project, the client and the contractor see the bill as the basis for financial management.

Bill of quantities may consist some or all of the followings:

BILL Nr.1. Preliminaries

BILL Nr.2. Preambles

BILL Nr.3. Measured works

#### **(A) CARCASS**

1) Foundations (substructure)

ii) Frame (column & beams)

iii) External & Internal walls

iv) Partitions

v) Floors

vi) Roofs

## **(B) FINISHING**

1) External & Internal finishing (walls, floors & ceilings)

ii) Windows

iii) Doors including openings without joinery

iv) Fixtures & Sundries

v) Stairs & Lifts

vi) Plumbing & Engineering Service

## **(c) EXTERNAL WORKS**

1) Drainage

ii) Roads, Paths, Site layout, out buildings e.t.c

**(D) SPOT ITEMS- These items are alteration and repair items of a building.**

BILL Nr.4. Provisional quantities

BILL Nr.5. Prime cost & Provisional Sum

BILL Nr.6. General Summary

## **PURPOSE OF A BILL OF QUANTITIES**

a. It serves as a schedule on which all variation in the work may be value

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b. To provide detailed list of every service to be performed.

c. To supply each contractor with information which will enable him or her to tender on the basis as his competitor.

d. To describe in addition to any description in the specification of the quan

tity of the work, and the method of carrying it out.

e. It can be used for further cost investigation and cost planning information.

f. Prevent disputes as to what is and what is not include in the contract prices and the value of any work or labour which has been omitted.

## **PRODUCTION OF BILL OF QUANTITIES**

These are several techniques of preparing bill of quantities (BOQ).

**TRADITIONAL BILL METHOD:** It is set down in the sequence following the outline of the building and engineering standard method of measurement [BESMM]. This system provides "the take off with a logical system of measurement designed to prevent accurate and efficient taking off. The work is measured in series of groups each representing a particular section of the building without regard to the order in which items will finally appear in the bill. As the sequence of measurement is not related to the order of the bill the "working up" process must involve the preparation of an abstract to collect and arrange the items in the order necessary for writing the draft bill. This system is mostly used in the examination. It comprises of the following:

1. Taking-off usually group system

II. Working-up: squaring, abstracting, totaling, rounding-off & billing.

**OPERATIONAL BILL METHOD:** It is a tendering document for estimating costs prepared by architects that describes a construction project in terms of the operations (which include labour and plant) needed to build it. This form of docu



ment contrasts with that of bills of quantities in which such tendering and estimation is limited to the materials in the completed work. Operation bills have the advantages of enhancing communication between design and production, enabling realistic tender pricing, and making the preparation of critical-path analysis easy for the contractor.

**ACTIVITIES BILL METHOD:** the activity bill was a development of operational form but without the separation of labor and materials. It was sub-divided into section based on activities or operation derived from a network analysis. The work was measured in accordance with the standard method of measurement although on site and offsite activities were usually separated and special equipment and components of and the work of nominated specialist could be grouped in separate bills (Seelay and Winfield 2005)

**ELEMENT BILL METHOD:** Here the work is billed in trade order not in the sequence of the building and engineering standard method of measurement (BESMM) but under heading that from a breakdown of the building into the main element of the structural wall, floor and roof. Although these provide a more useful control document during the construction operation, it makes the tendering procedure more complicated (T.C. Onouah)

**ANNOTATED BILL:** it is possible for the bill of quantities to give the contractor details of the quantities, type and quality of materials and labour and for an accurate and complete set of drawings to show him precisely where and how the work is to be executed. (Seelay and Winfield 2005)

**CUT AND SHUFFLE BILL METHOD:** This is a faster method than the traditional method. The civil engineer or surveyor takes-off quantities into specially designed sheets in duplicate where the original sheet is perforated into strips which can be separated from the book and collected together to form group of items

### **DIVISION OF BILL PREPARATION**

The traditional method of preparation of bill of quantities can be broken down into two main processes.

**TAKING-OFF:** Seeley 1988 defined "taking off" as the process in which dimensions are scaled read from drawings and entered in a recognized form in a special ruled paper called dimension paper.

**WORKING UP:** This process can be divided into two stages as follow.

**SQUARING:** This comprises squaring the dimension and transferring the resultant lengths, area and volumes to the abstract.

**ABSTRACTING:** This squared dimension are arranged in convenient order for billing and reduced to the recognized units of measure.

Other processes include:

**Editing:** The editor must check and make adjustment in the abstract, prior to printing as the draft bill is written direct from the abstract.

**Writing The Bill:** This process involve the listing in full, the various items of work, Making up the complete project with the Quantities involved in a suitable order, under work section or elemental heading.

### **3:3 REQUIREMENT FOR ACCURACY**

Whatever the method adopted for bill preparation, The requirement for accuracy is the same for example

**1 BESMM 4 R:** - Describe "Taking off" as the process in which dimension are scaled or raid from drawings and entered in a recognized form on a specially ruled paper called dimension paper.

**2 BESMM 4 R:-** Define "Tender" formal offer to construct and complete the contract work in accordance with the various contract documents for the tender sum.

**3 BESMM 4 R:-** Define "Bill of Quantities" as one that consist of a schedule of items of work to be carried out render the contract with quantities entered against each item, prepared accordance with the standard method of measurement of building works.

**4 BESMM 4 R:-** Opened that "contract drawing depict the details and scope of the works to be executed under the contract, they must be prepared in sufficient detail to enable the contractor to satisfactory only price the bill of quantities.

5 According to Willis's is "budgeting" is a targeted financial statement or document of the cost of a proposed construction project.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### 5.1 SUMMARY

This research was carried out to estimate and budget for a medium scale building for a proposed Teaching Hospital Building at Kwara State Polytechnic, er

in, Kwara State.

It is also designed to show the process of taking off, abstracting and method (preparing bill of quantities.

## **5.2 CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, we observed that estimating for medium scale building project is very important.

- i. It gives an itemized list of the component parts of the building with a full description and quantity of each part.
- ii. It serve as a guidelines for the contractor.
- iii. It provides a basis for a valuation of variable which often occur during the progress of the work.
- iv. It enables all contractor tendering for a contract to price on exactly the same information with a minimum of effort.

## **5.3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

From the analysis of the data in chapter four of this project, the following

recommendations was be made.

- i. The Quantity Surveyor should provide an estimate during the preliminary stage of the project in order to forecast its likely cost.
- ii. It is important not to under estimate and over estimate, proper estimating procedures should be used and the layout of the estimate should be clear and logical.

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