

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

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• NCC: Aims and Objectives

- To unify the construction Industry, to promote its well being, to strive to create a profitable environment for its constituents, and to establish a united national platform encompassing formal and informal sectors of the industry and its professions
- To contribute to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Zambia and the uplifting of all its people
- To promote and advance the status and public recognition of NCC, its members and the construction industry
- To promote encourage, support or oppose any legislation or other measures affecting the industry
- To address macro issues affecting the industry
- To co-ordinate, improve and facilitate the accessibility of training
- To strive, achieve, monitor and maintain the highest possible standards in the construction industry
- To add and amend these objects from time to time as decided upon by the National Council

"LOCAL ROADS CONTRACTORS PRICING THEMSELVES OUT OF MOST GOVERNMENT ROADS CONTACTS"- GOVERNMENT



MCT Minister; Hon. L. Mwape flanked by his P.S. Dr. H. C. Mpuku and NRB Exec. Sec. Mr. Gananadha

Local (road) construction firms are said to be pricing themselves out of most Government funded roads contracts under the Road Sector Investment Programme (RoadSIP). The above revelation was made during the question and answer session at the recently held 2002 RoadSIP Work Programme at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre on Thursday 20th September 2001. In answer to a question as to why government was in the forefront of awarding most of its internally financed roads projects to foreign construction firms at the ex-

pense of local firms, the Director of Roads told the gathering that contrary to common belief that the government was against local roads contractors this was not so. The Director of Roads said that the truth of the matter was that, most bids from our local contractors were on average 40-60% more than their foreign counterparts.

No doubt the margin of difference between the local and foreign contractor's bids is alarmingly high, but the difference between the two should be expected given the very unfavourable business

conditions prevailing in this country. One has to understand differences in the business environment between this country and that of our neighbours to appreciate the source of this bid differences. For instance, the fact that our contractors have to put up with very high interest rates (at over 45%) when borrowing to finance their contracts and the equally cumbersome and expensive business costs in form of performance bonds at about 10%, advance payments bonds at 15% and Bidding Guarantee bonds at another 2%, bringing the

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“LOCAL ROAD CONTRACTORS PRICING THEMSELVES
OUT OF MOST GOVERNMENT CONTACTS”-
GOVERNMENT

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*“In politics if you want
someone to make a
speech, ask a man. If
you want something
done, ask a woman.”-*

*Lady Margaret
Thatcher- Former
British Prime Minister.*

28 SMALL SCALE LABOUR BASED ROAD
CONTRACTORS GRADUATE

The Roads Training School was recently a host to a hive of celebrations, when a total of 28 labour based road contractors graduated from a course entitled “enhanced road maintenance for small-scale labour based contractors. The 27 men and one woman graduates were

drawn from Luapula, N/ Western and Western provinces.

The course duration was 13 weeks which was divided into 5 weeks for theory (in the classroom) and the other 8 weeks in the field (practicals). The course was conducted at the Government Roads

Training School and was wholly funded by NORAD.

Giving a vote of thanks, one of the graduating contractors urged government to seriously open up more business opportunities for indigenous and small-scale contractors, who are apparently sidelined by the big and foreign firms.

HON. MWAPE LAUNCHES 2002 ROAD SIP WORK
PROGRAMME

The Minister of Communications and Transport; Hon. Lupando Mwape officially launched the 2002 RoadSIP Work Programme on Thursday 20th September 2001 at the Mulungushi Conference Centre here in Lusaka. The objectives of the half day workshop were:

1. To disseminate the

2002 annual work programme

2. Obtain feedback from participants on experiences in implementing RoadSIP
3. To discuss opportunities available under RoadSIP for local consultants and contractors in order to create

jobs and thereby alleviate poverty in the country.

Speaking at the same ceremony the Minister assured the more than 300 participants that government through his Ministry was doing everything possible to quicken the official launching of RoadSIP II.

“IMPORTED BUILDING MATERIALS MUST MEET ZAMBIA BUREAU OF STANDARDS” - GOVERNMENT

The Zambian government, through the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry (MCTI) is soon to pass a law through a Statutory Instrument which will require all building materials imported into Zambia to meet Zambia Bureau of Standards requirements. Deputy Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry Hon. David Shimonde has said (**Daily Mail Business News** - Wednesday 26th September 2001). Hon. Shimonde is further quoted to have said that the Zambian Government had taken the above

step in order to safeguard the local industry from imminent collapse.

Speaking when he officiated at a TAP Zambia Asbestos workshop in Lusaka, Hon. Shimonde also assured the nation that the Zambian government was also in the process of forming a National Chrysotile Asbestos Task Force, which will be a multi-stakeholder group to defend and champion the use of asbestos in building/construction.

Although the announcement by the Hon. Deputy Minister is very welcome,.

It is a pity that government has taken this long to react, when the damage to our local construction industry could well be irreversible at least in the short to medium term. It is equally worrying to see MCTI trying to represent Government in such specialised matters rather the Ministry of Works and Supply. The above, would for example know, why for instance we at the National Council for Construction are hearing about this Asbestos Task force for the first time in the Newspapers.

“It is easy to fool yourself. It is possible to fool the people you work for. It is more difficult to fool the people you work with. But it is almost impossible to fool the people who work under you.” -Harry B. Thayer

FIVE DISTRICTS TO GET A TOTAL OF 630 NEW HOUSES AT A COST OF K5.1 BILLION

The (Zambian) government with the assistance of the African Housing Fund (AHF) through the Ministry of Local Government and Housing has started building a total of 630 houses for low income families. The above project is planned for five districts in the country and the districts to benefit from this scheme are Lusaka's

Linda compound, Chibombo, Chongwe and Kitwe's Mulenga compound.

The AHF housing scheme operates through self help initiatives whereby beneficiaries are given building materials loans which they are expected to repay after a period of between three and seven years.

A total of 360 houses have already been completed in Lusaka's Linda Compound, where 30 households are already reported to have repaid their house loans in full. The AHF project also includes the improvement of water reticulation in the selected districts (**Zambia Daily Mail, Saturday 22nd September 2001**).

Special feature: The Zambian construction industry as an election issue during this year's forthcoming tripartite elections (a personal view)

"We must bring the perpetrators of this crime (11th September 2001 American bombings) to justice, but if we can't, then we should take justice to them"-George W. Bush- President: United States of America.

As we draw near to this year's tripartite elections, it is important that those of us whose bread and butter comes from the construction industry look at how much attention our industry with its many problems, is receiving from the various political parties in the country. From the outset, it is clear that whereas most socio-economic issues such as good governance, health, education and unemployment have taken centre stage in the campaigns of almost all the major political parties, the construction industry has been completely forgotten.

If there has been any mention of construction or housing issues, it has mainly been from the opposition parties basically complaining about the ruling party's use of the sell of public houses to sitting tenants as a campaign issue or to condemn the PHI scheme without saying exactly what they will do instead to ameliorate the problems of the industry.

To begin with, whereas, most political parties have committees dealing with most sectors and industries, such as health, security, education, local government and so on, none to the best of my knowledge have a committee which deals specifically with the construction industry. Consequently therefore, one finds that these political parties including the ruling party make no mention in their manifestos (if they happen to have a manifesto at all) on how they intend to tackle the Zambian construction industry if they were to be elected to power.

Even the ruling party, which has had some success especially in the area of road rehabilitation has been very quiet in highlighting the many problems facing the industry and

articulating how they intend solving them. The ruling party has also presided over the launching of two very good construction based policy papers namely the 1995 Construction industry Policy Document and the 1996 Housing Policy Documents. However, the ruling party's biggest problem has been its failure to effectively implement these two very good policy documents and their inability to protect local consultants and contractors against those coming from outside under the guise of the so called economic liberalisation. Zambians and especially those in this industry will, therefore, be looking forward to seeing how the ruling party proposes to reverse the above negative trend that has seen a number of our once prospering consultants and contractors go under.

Opposition parties have equally failed to capture the problems facing the Zambian constructing industry, let alone offer any tangible solutions. Even the former ruling party UNIP which presided over a very successful construction industry has failed to convince those of us in the industry on how they will revamp the construction industry, especially that the parastatal companies which helped sustain the once vibrant industry in the past are no more.

Although we have heard time and again from almost all the parties how they intend to build more schools, repair the roads, build more houses for the policemen/women, soldiers, teachers and so on, they all seem to be ignorant of the fact that to build and rehabilitate our infrastructure, you need a vibrant and sustainable construction indus-

try.

It would also appear that most opposition political parties are very "shy" to acknowledge the fact that the current government's construction policy proposals are on paper very good, except that the government has in the past 10 years lacked the political will to effectively implement its own manifesto or government construction policy decisions. I think political parties should be honest enough to acknowledge each other's good intentions and say so, which in this case would require them to simply say that they would effectively implement what the ruling party has failed to do, rather than pretend that they have a better solution in their "manifestos".

Another observation that comes out very clearly from current campaigns with respect to the construction industry is that, our politicians, including those in government have not learnt to bring along or even employ "spin-doctors" in preparing their party manifestos and speeches. It explains why those politicians that have attempted to talk about construction issues have completely missed the point in terms of what it would take to revamp our industry.

Although some parties have the advantage of having among their midst eminent construction experts, who if given the "right" portfolios could work wonders, they have failed to take advantage of these individuals because they are "wrongly" positioned. Case in point is the FDD, which has Zambia's pioneering and able construction Engineers and past Ministers of the Ministry of Works and Supply in the likes of Simon

Women in construction– Mrs. Bupe K Kahiya Quantity Surveyor with the Presidential Housing Initiative

“Would I get compensation for slavery, or would I pay it?” -Colin Powell (African American), American Secretary of State



Q. What is the best aspect of your job?

A. There is never a dull moment in my work as the projects that I undertake are all very different. I also get to meet a lot of people with different personalities.

Q. What is the worst aspect of your Job?

A. It is always very disheartening when you put in a lot of work into a project and yet nothing

comes out of it or when there is an abrupt ending on the project.

Q. Can you please describe to us, your typical working day.

A. On a typical working day, I usually attend management or site meetings followed by the routine office work: meeting with clients and contractors.

Q. Do you regret becoming a Quantity Surveyor or

entering this male dominated industry?

A. Not at all. The people I have worked with have treated me as an equal. On the contrary, I would like to encourage other girls/women to take up male dominated jobs like Quantity Surveying because such jobs are not only challenging but are also rewarding.

Women in construction– Mrs. Bupe K Kahiya Quantity Surveyor with the Presidential Housing Initiative



Q. Who has been your greatest inspiration in your life, especially in taking up Quantity Surveying as a Career?

A. My late brother who was a Civil Engineer used to talk to me about the various job options in the Construction Industry.

Q. What has been your favourite project todate?

A. My favorite project todate has been the construction of the 100 Low Cost

Houses and one underground water tank. I worked on this project from start to finish and these houses are now occupied.

Q. If you could swap jobs, what would you choose to do?

A. I am not disappointed with what I do but to answer the question, I'd probably be an accountant.

Q. Which schools, colleges and Universities did you attend?

A. Roma Girls Secondary School and the Copper belt University of Zambia

Q. What are your future plans, career wise?

A. I would like to advance myself with Computer Studies with a bias to Quantity Surveying work.

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. Cooking, gardening and solving crossword puzzles.

Q. What piece of advice do you have for the young girls or women intending to take up Quantity Surveying or any other construction related job?

A. To the young girls out there, I would like to tell them that you can never go wrong with education. There are no limits to what you can achieve with the right qualifications.

“Don’t avoid politics simply because its full of hypocrates. There is always room for one more.”-Felity T. Ndeke

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CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- Zambian citizen and unmarried and must be 27 years or younger on 1st October, 2002.
- Must be living in Zambia
- Only candidates who possess a graduate degree with merit or distinction (or equivalent in other universities) need apply. Please, do not apply if you do not meet these minimum requirements as no exceptions shall be considered.

METHODS OF APPLICATION

Application in own handwriting must be accompanied by copies of the candidates:

- Address, contact telephone number, fax and, if available, e-mail address.
- Birth certificate or affidavit of birth
- National Registration Card
- Proposed course of study
- Photocopies of official transcript of academic results and certificates.
- A Curriculum Vitae that should also include a list of extra-curricula activities (e.g. prizes, awards, offices held, athletic record).
- A statement (not exceeding 900 words) of general interests and activities including intended future career. This may be typed.
- Names, addresses and telephone numbers of six referees at least three of whom should be candidate's former lecturers at the University level.

Applications should reach the undersigned by **15 October 2001**:

The National Secretary – Zambia
Rhodes Trust
P.O. Box 38163
Lusaka, Zambia

Applications can be submitted in person at:
45 Milima Road, Woodlands
Tel./Fax: 265290

TENDER NOTICE

ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

013/06/010: TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW NKHOTA- KOTA DISTRICT HOSPITAL, REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

The Government of the Republic of Malawi has received a loan (No. 725p) from the OPEC Fund for the International Development towards the cost of new Nkhota-Kota hospital and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payment under the contract for the construction of the new Nkhota-Kota hospital complex, staff houses with all associated external works.

The project involves construction of the following:

- (a) 20 No. single storey hospital building
- (b) 60 No. single storey houses; and
- (c) sewerage disposal system and associated external works.

All grouped under one (1) Lot.

The Zambia National Tender Board on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Malawi now invites eligible contractors registered in Zambia to submit written applications for inclusion on the mailing list.

Eligible applicants are those who qualify as defined in the Procurement Guidelines under the Loans extended by the OPEC Fund. The successful applicant will be expected to complete the works within a period of 24 No. months.

Bidding documents shall be issued on 30th October, 2001 and the deadline for the receipt of bids shall be 4th January 2002 at 15:00 hours. Bids shall be opened immediately thereafter in Room No. 60, Ministry of Health Building, Capital Hill, Lilongwe, Malawi.

Those wishing to be included on the mailing list must submit a written application to the following address and not to the Zambia National Tender Board.

The Project Manager
Zingano & Associates
St. Martins House
P.O. Box 31039
Lilongwe 3

*“Most of the men in
Zambia are poor
because of extra-marital
affairs. Once a man
wins kwachamania he
would want to have
another woman.” -Irene
Mundia- Chelston
Local Court Justice*

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ESTATE DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

THE UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA

ESTATE DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

The University of Zambia wishes to conduct a survey regarding the development of its estate, which comprises vast land. Such development would be for purposes that would benefit the University and enable it to meet its public obligation as an institution of tertiary education and research. The development would also assist in strengthening the University's financial base.

The University is keen to tackle the current shortage of student and staff accommodation including recreational facilities.

The development would benefit the students and staff of the university and the general public.

The University is therefore inviting companies with ability to develop a concept in the development of its land estate. Such a concept may include financial, architectural, construction, technical consultancy and any other services. The acceptable concept may be utilized further for seeking financial support or even partnerships for development. This may also be an opportunity for partnership, especially for institutions with the appropriate concept and the financial ability to develop it.

The initial concept shall be based on the land surrounding the university's Great East Road Campus. Concepts on other estates may be developed depending on the success of the initial concept.

Institutions wishing to participate in the survey may do so, at own cost, and should submit their concept in triplicate to:

**The Vice Chancellor
University of Zambia
P.O. Box 32379
LUSAKA**

Tel: 250871
e-mail: vc@admin.unza.zm

“My ministry has in the recent months noticed an influx of imports of asbestos roofing sheets and the development has severely affected the local industry, threatening job security, foreign currency earnings— Hon. David Shimonde; Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry

TENDER NOTICES

ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

INVITATION FOR BIDS

TB/W/014/01 TENDER FOR THE REHABILITATION OF
35KM OF D 39GRAVEL ROAD: LUNTE-ZACHARIA CHANDA (PHASE
III)

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Government of the Republic of Zambia has received allocations from the National Roads Board in the Ministry of Works and Supply for various road projects. The Ministry intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for the Rehabilitation of 35 km of D39, Lunte-Zacharia Chanda Gravel Road in Northern Province.

The Zambia National Tender Board on behalf of the Ministry of Works and Supply, now invites applications from eligible firms or consortiums who may be interested in carrying out this project as outlined below. The project includes but is not limited to construction of the following:

- (a) drainage works;
- (b) construction of mitre drains;
- (c) reshaping of side drains;
- (d) grading and re-gravelling;
- (e) vegetation control; and
- (f) accommodation of traffic where construction works are being carried out.

The tender is open to firms or consortiums that are registered in Zambia and the Roads Department at the Ministry of Works and Supply.

Eligible applicants may obtain the tender dossier upon payment of a non refundable fee of K200,000.00 or its equivalent in any convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque. The tender dossier may be obtained from:

The Director General
Zambia National Tender Board
13th Floor, Kulima Tower
Katunjila Road
P.O. Box 31009
Lusaka, Zambia

The telephone numbers are 260-1-227052-3/228633 and telefax number is 260-1-220577. The tender dossier may be accessed on our website: www.tenderboard.gov.zm. **HOWEVER TELEFAX OFFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The closing and opening date for the receipt of the bids duly addressed as per above address is Friday 26 October, 2001 at 14:00 hours, local time. Bids will be opened in the Conference Room of the Zambia National Tender Board on the 13th Floor of Kulima Tower in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. LATE BIDS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The bidders are required to submit one (1no.) Original and two (2no.) copies of bids clearly marked as original and copies. Bids must be accompanied by 2% bid security of its tender sum.

EMM Sikanyika (Mrs.)

Board Secretary

ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD

*“Where are you
Zambians? Why do you
allow yourselves to be
used by the donors to
impose a puppet
government?” -President
Chiluba*

TENDER NOTICES

INVITATION FOR BIDS

**TB/W/015/01 TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
TWELVE PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN COPPERBELT, LUAPULA, NORTHERN AND
EASTERN PROVINCES – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
INVITATION TO TENDER**

The Government of the Republic of Zambia has received a loan from the International Development Association (IDA) through the Basic Education Sub-Sector Investment Programme (BESSIP) in the Ministry of Education for various projects. The Ministry intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for the construction of Twelve Primary Schools in Copperbelt, Luapula, Northern and Eastern Provinces.

The Zambia National Tender Board on behalf of the Ministry of Education, now invites applications from eligible firms or consortiums who may be interested in carrying out this project as outlined below. The project includes but is not limited to construction of the following:

- (a) 12 no. 1x3 class room blocks;
- (b) 36 no. teacher's houses;
- (c) 48 no. vip double pit latrines;
- (d) 12 no. vip single pit latrine with washrooms; and
- (e) sinking of boreholes equipped with hand pump at each of the twelve school sites.

The tender is open to firms or consortiums that are from eligible source countries as defined in the International Development Association's Procurement Guidelines.

Eligible applicants may obtain the tender dossier upon payment of a non refundable fee of K200,000.00 or its equivalent in any convertible currency at the prevailing exchange rate in cash or bank certified cheque. The tender dossier may be obtained from:

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The closing and opening date for the receipt of the bids duly addressed as per above address is Friday 2 November, 2001 at 14:00 hours, local time. Bids will be opened in the Conference Room of the Zambia National Tender Board on the 13th Floor of Kulima Tower in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. **LATE BIDS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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**EMM Sikanyika (Mrs.)
Board Secretary
ZAMBIA NATIONAL TENDER BOARD**

*"When America grieves,
the rest of the world is
obliged to join in the
grieving and forget about
raising legitimate
concerns of this
extremely powerful
country" -Father Joe
Komakoma*

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1.0 National Conference on Local Government-18-19th October 2001 CBU Kitwe

The Copperbelt University –Local Government Research and Consultancy Group in conjunction with the Support to Implementation of the National Plans of Action (SINPA)-Zambia will hold the National Conference on Local Government under the theme: **Local Governance in the 21st Century: Innovation solutions** at Edinburgh Hotel, in Kitwe on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th October 2001. For more details please contact: Dr. Albert Malama -National Projects Co-ordinator at the Copperbelt University, School of the Built Environment Po. Box 21692, Kitwe
TELEFAX: 02-230924/225086

2.0. 58th International Builders show-8-11t February 2002-Georgia World Congress center-Atlanta, Georgia USA

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CONFERENCE/SEMINAR? THEN CONTACT NCC
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The NCC, as part of its activities either on behalf of its members or for independent clients, organises conferences, workshops and seminars on a variety of topics related to the Construction industry. Resource persons can be drawn if required from its membership of consultants, contractors and Government.

The NCC operates a full time secretariat which is currently situated at the

Government Roads Training School, Plot 1609/1625, Off Sheki Sheki Road, Light Industrial Area. The NCC also provides the following services; Photocopying, fax, e-mail, typing and internet facilities.

To organise a workshop/conference/seminar the independent client or member organization will have to:

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vice required

Pay a non-refundable commitment fee of US\$250

Contact persons:

Dr. M.S. Mashamba -
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