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**RE: RESEARCH PAPER FOR CONSIDERATION FOR PUBLICATION IN JAESER**

We hereby submit our research paper titled “**Impact of Procurement Methods and Procurement Requirements on Cost Over-run of Public Building Projects in Uganda**” for review and publication in your esteemed journal.

**(i) Authors and Contributorship:**

The three authors and their contributions are highlighted as follows:

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**(ii) Novelty and Importance of Research Findings:**

Cost over-run is endemic in Uganda and routinely increases construction costs to as high as 52% of initial contract sums. This research used statutory public procurement requirements of (i) bid time, (ii) performance bond, (iii) insurance, (iv) workload and (v) experience of building contractors to predict cost over-run within five different contexts of public procurement methods of (i) open domestic bidding, (ii) restricted domestic bidding, (iii) open international bidding, (iv) restricted international bidding and (v) requests for quotations. The predicted cost over-run can then be used as contingency additional to project cost estimate to forestall additional costs during project execution. This avoids incidences of incomplete project by end of scheduled project completion time. The research developed five variants of cost over-run models with one for each procurement method.

**(iii) Declaration:**

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this research article.

**(iv) Conflict of Interest:**

The authors declare no conflict of interest in conducting and reporting this research.

**(v) Informed Consent:**

All the authors as mentioned in section (i) above participated in this research as highlighted in the said section.

**(vi) Ethical Approval:**

The research received ethical approval of the Ethics Committee of the Directorate of Research and Graduate Training of Makerere University, Kampala-Uganda.

We trust that this communication is in order and meets the requirements for publication of our research article in your esteemed journal. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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