

## Appendix 2.1 Questionnaire Survey:-

### **SURVEY ON KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (KM)**

### **IN CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Knowledge management (KM) is process that help organization to create, organize, store, use and share and expertise necessary for activities such as problem solving, dynamic learning, strategic planning and decision making. **Knowledge Management system** refer to a type of it – based information system developed to include information, documents, knowledge, experience and perception of employees through e-messaging, e-chatting and other tools. The aim of survey is to capture the initiatives for KM and investigate the critical success factor for implementing knowledge management in construction industry. You are kindly requested to participate in survey. This will not take you more than 15 minutes to complete.

This survey is not aiming to capture any commercially sensitive information. Nevertheless, all information will be treated as strictly confidential with full anonymity to participating organization.

#### **INSTRUCTION**

This questionnaire ask for your opinion about KM in general and also KM system in your organization.

The answer will depend on your own judgment that comes from your experience in this domain.

Note : If you don't know or are unsure of how to response . Please leave box blank.

Note : If your company does not practice knowledge management system please go to section 4

#### **SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION**

This section seeks general information about and your company. This information is used only to analyze the results of submitted questionnaires. It will be treated as strictly confidential.

1. Company name
2. Your name (optional)
3. Job title
4. Your location

Four blue rectangular input fields, likely for text input, corresponding to the four questions listed on the left.

5. Number of employees



6. How do you best categories your companies



7. When did your company start implement knowledge management >year



## SECTION 2 : KM ACTIVITIES , TOOLS , AND PROCEDURES

This section seeks activities procedures and tools of KM in your company

8. Which of the following KM activities and method has implemented or used in your company, and please indicate the level of importance for each activity or method successful KM implementation.

Implementation		
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Not implemented	Prototype or small scale implementation	Large scale implementation

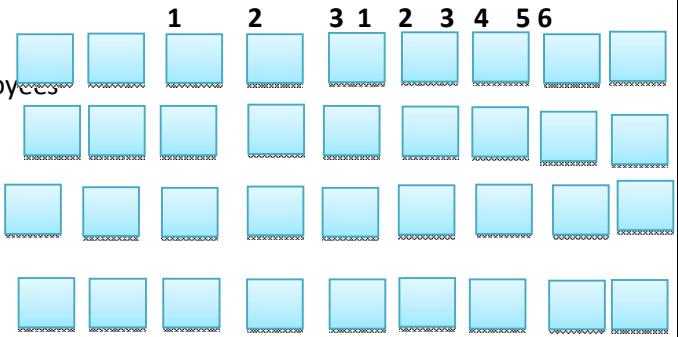
### ACTIVITIES & METHODS

Importance						
1	2	3	4	5	6	66
Not important at all	Slightly important	Moderately important	Important	Very important	Extremely important	

#### A1. System Analysis

1. Conducting questionnaire and or interviews employees
2. Identify business process and procedures
3. Identifying data & knowledge available and important for Organization.
4. Identifying what tools appropriate for KM system

#### IMPLEMENTATION



#### A2. System Design

#### IMPLEMENTATION



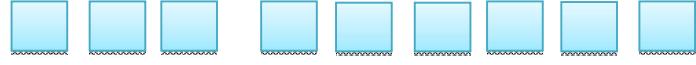
1. Defining aims and objectives for KM .

2. Using KM models to represent KM activities



Method, components.

3. Preparing an action plan and guideline for KM



Implementation.

### **A3.System Implementation**

1. Implementation of a prototype before applying



Wide range KM system.

2. Appointing KM offices to provide training and



Support to employees.

3. Embedding KM activities into employees work



Processes.

### **A4. System Maintaining and Monitoring**

1. Collecting feed backs from end users regarding



Improvement requirement.

2. Observing the differences in operation after



Implementing KM.

3. Monitoring the system performance and showing



Bottle necks.

4. Monitoring the environmental factor such as



Management strategy employee's culture and technological factor.

### **A5.system evaluation**

1. Investigating business process improvement



3. Evaluating the system correctness and alignment



With design Specifications.

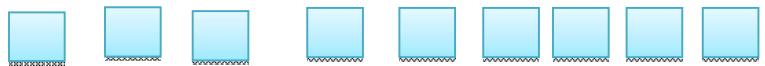
4. Evaluating the system usefulness ease of use



And application.

## A6. Knowledge capturing and storing

1. Recording problem solution &experience



In electronic repository.

2. Referring knowledge to its sources



3. Recording new ideas and perception of experts



And engineers.

4. Attaching pictures, video, and text files to clarify



Knowledge content.

## A7.Knowledge Reusing and sharing

1. Using internet to share and transfer knowledge.



2. Using sharing tools to find required knowledge.



3. Showing contact details and experience of employees.



## A8.Knowldge reviewing and approving

1. Using internet to publish and edit knowledge



2. Reviewing knowledge contents by experts or knowledge team



3. Classifying knowledge to facilitate knowledge



Searchingfunction.

## A9.Using database to create data



1. Capturing data and information of projects

In electronic repository.

2. Using data mining, data analysis, and reporting tools

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3. Recording knowledge and information concluded

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By using previous tools.

## A10. System tools

1. User manual and help desk.

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2. Datamining, analysis and reporting.

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3. Document management.

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4. Photo and/ or video management.

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5. Training and support.

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6. Knowledge searching.

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7. Knowledge Map.

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8. Yellow pages and/or contact details..

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9. Subscribing and/or internet password interning

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To define authority level

10. E-meeting, messaging, chatting, discussion

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Board, forum.

11. Decision support system and or intelligent.

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## Section 3: critical success factor

This section seek your perception on the importance of factor for successful KM in your company

9. Which of the following statement can be used to describe the KMS in your company? Decide

The level of importance for each statement for successful KMS in general. Please use this scale

Describe your company knowledge system			Importance					
1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6
Not describing at all	Moderately describing	Extremely describing	Not important at all	Slightly important	Moderately important	Important	Very important	Extremely important

## Factors

## Describing knowledge importance

## System in your company

1 2 3 4 5 6

## F1.CULTURE

## 1. Culture that values knowledge seeking

And problem solving.

## 2. Providing time to employees to perform

Knowledge related activates.

### 3. Updating employees and other user

## About change in KMS.

#### 4 Building up awareness and training

### On use of kms

## **F2. MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT**



1. Management establishes the necessary

Condition for KM.

2. Leader encourage and support knowledge



Creation,sharing and use.

3. Knowledge managers constantly search



for newApproaches to KM.

4. Development of a km strategy which



Clear objectives andgoals.

5. Sufficient financial resources for



Building up Technological system.

### **F3.INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

1. Matching the kms with km objectives



Andusers' needs.



2. Utilization of internet and internet.



3. Ease of use of the technology.



4. Protection knowledge from unauthorized



5. Exposure or being stolen.



6. 5. Ability of system to capture and store



Tacitknowledge.



6. Appropriate categorization and



Updating of knowledge.



7. Application of technological tools.



## F4.MEASUREMENT

1. Measurement benefits per unit



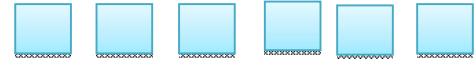
of investment.

2. Mentoring the system performance



and showing bottle neck.

3. Developing indicator for measurement of KM.



## F5 ORGANIZATION INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Appointing of km leader and /or km team or work.



2. Ensure of sufficient human resource to



Support km initiatives.

3. Specifying activities, tasks and process



For performing km.

4. Specifying roles and responsibilities



for performing km tasks

5. Recruiting and hiring of employees to



fill knowledge gaps

## F6 DRIVERS FOR KM

1. Buildingup and maintaining employees



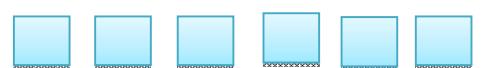
2. Sharing employees expertise and perce



3. Identifying internal and or time to solve



Problem in projects.



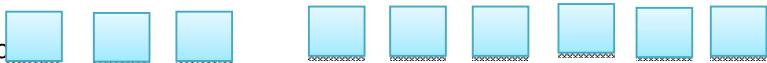
4. Enhancing work quality of projects

5. Reducing cost and /or to solve



Problem in project.

6. Providing competitive advantages to



The company.

7. Helping senior engineers and manage



to avoid Many problems cause



8. Presenting accurate and timely



Knowledge to Facilitate decision making.

9. Providing an effective tool to train



Juniorengineer.

10. Enhancing relation and coordination



With customer, Partners and suppliers.

11. Encouraging continuous improvement



and/or new Product and services .

12. Reducing rework and save time of



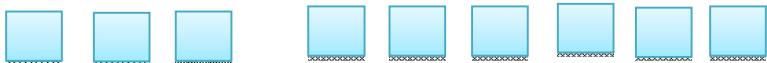
Solving repeated problem.

## F7 . SPECIFICATION OF KM SYSTEM

1. The knowledge system easy to use .



2. It is easy for users to find useful



Information for Problem solving.

3. The system collects knowledge that



Important for organization.



4. The system ignores knowledge that is not important for the organization.

5. The system facilitates knowledge sharing



6. Between company's employees.



7. The system maintains good



Relationship with Customer and other partners.

8. The role of knowledge team worker



Is very important.

## F8. KM barriers and challenges

1. The nature of construction projects (e.g. no unique



Work, no standard procedure, pressure to complete on

Schedule, changing employee's different phase).

2. Lack of organization culture for knowledge



Creation and sharing (e.g. build trust among employees

Establish time and place for km transfer provide).

3. Lack of structured procedure and process



to implemented km.

4. Lack the adoption of well formulated



km strategies and implementation plane .

5. Lack of knowledge manager or team to

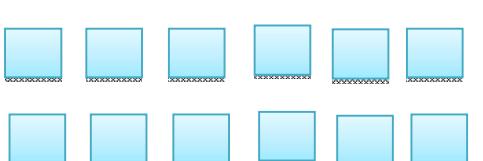
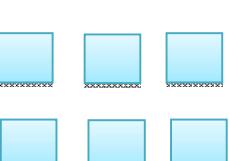


Implement KM strategy.

6. Lack of awareness of the importance of



KM organization.



7. Lack of training and support.



8. Lack of technology and techniques for

km capture and sharing

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9. Lack of leadership support

10. Lack of recourse in team of a budget,

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Staff, and its infrastructure.

11. Employee resistance to share knowledge

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12. Lack of post-projects reviews and

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Project documentation.

10. To what extent do you consider your company knowledge management effort to

be successful?

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11. To what extent do you consider the KM activities and critical success factor?

Presented earlier to successful in describing those which are

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Crucial for km adoption in construction industry.

## SECTION 4: FOR NON-KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT ADOPTERS

12. why do you not practise KM in your company (you may tick more than one answer) .

Lack Of Time

Have Never Heard

Lack Of Financial Resources

Don't Understand

Top Management Does Not Support

Unsure Of Its Potential Benefits

Not Need

Not Interested

13. Do You Plan To Implement Km In The Future.

### **Feedback**

14. If you're interested to be contacted for follow up short interviews, please tick this box.

15. If your company is interested in participating in the research case study, please tick this box.

16. If you require summary of the funding of this survey, please tick this box.

17. If you ticked any of the feedback question, please enter your email address and or contact details.

### **Other comment**

**(Please Use The Space Provided To Reflect On How To Improve Km In Construction Industry)**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR VALUABLE TIME AND CONTRIBUTION TO THIS SURVEY.**

**ALL RESPONSES WILL BE TREATED ANONYMOUSLY.**