

WORKS & PROPERTY

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Works computerise its activities

...as SIVAN Design, trains ministry staff for free

In order to meet up with the latest development in the world, the ministry of works has started the computerisation of its activities.

Investigation carried out by Nigerian Pilot shows that the ministry is computerising its data base, that is, it is moving from the analog way of documenting information

to documenting with the computer.

Though there was nobody to speak to this reporter due to the Friday Muslim prayers, a top official in the ministry confided that training is being organised for the staff in order to catch up with the trend of computerisation.

Our source however directed us to the office

of the consultant, SIVAN Design, DS. The project manager, Tosin Oguntoyinbo, confirmed the training of staff of the ministry.

Oguntoyinbo told our correspondent that the training of staff was free of charge because of the collaboration they have with the ministry. According to him, his company, SIVAN

Design is a consultant to the ministry and they provided the software for the ministry.

He said they are training the staff on road information system, RIS because they want them to take over the management of computerisation soonest. When our correspondent enquired from the source at the ministry, he also confirmed that the training was free.

SIVAN Design is a software outfit and it is to train staff of the ministry on computer skills and management of data amongst other things.

Oguntoyinbo also revealed that the federal ministry of lands, housing and urban development; Federal Capital Territory Administration, FCTA have also bought into

the computerisation of their data.

Others also using the software according to the project manager are: Kwara, Plateau, Benue, Nasarawa, Niger State governments and ministry of water resources amongst others.

On how safe the data will be, especially in the case of fire outbreak and other related hazards, Oguntoyinbo said there is nothing to fear because they have back-ups.

The RIS can help to trace files, date, cost, the contractor and even location of any road project. It can also help to know the date of commencement and completion and the beginning and termination of the project.



international meetings once more

Nasarawa, Kwara, others apply LAPS in their operations

The number of states that are joining the Land and Properties Management System, LAPS, are growing by the day if the information gathered is anything to go by.

A recent visit to the SIVAN design D.S. shows that state governments and federal government agencies and parastatals have also adopted

the LAPS in their operations.

Project manager of SIVAN design, Tosin Oguntoyinbo said Land and Properties System, LAPS is an enterprise level land-use, assets and resources management system with Geographical Information System, GIS capabilities and integrated billing system.

He told Nigerian Pilot that

government implementing LAPS will increase market confidence and stimulate land and properties trade activity.

According to him, LAPS also help to increase taxation revenues, correct tax computation and control tax evasion. Controls cash-inflow management of land related income; helps in long term

planning; avoid ownership disputes; helps in securities and credit in transaction based property valuation; mortgages and lien management; land management by improving land use, parcellation and resources management amongst others.

Information also has it that the federal ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban

Development has also adopted LAPS to make its activities more effective and efficient.

Some of the states that have adopted the LAPS are: Plateau, Nasarawa, Kaduna, Niger, Benue and Kwara. Others are Federal Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, FCDA, to mention but a few.