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**ABSTRACT****A Critical Evaluation of a select number of projects recently carried out at UWI, St. Augustine**

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The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine continues its ambitious drive to stand out regionally and internationally as the premier tertiary institution with dynamic academics, innovative teaching methods, student centeredness and student comfort. As a result of these stated policy objectives, the campus has undergone an expansion of its building stock. This expansion is managed by the Campus Projects Office (CPO), now seven (7) years in existence. This office functions by controlling and monitoring both the pre-construction (procurement) and the construction phases of projects on the campus. (Guided by Sandy of Lewis Construction Ltd.), who

assisted by filling out questionnaires or allowing interviews;

This study involves a review of the on-going construction of six (6) building projects on the UWI Campus and includes an evaluation of six (6) buildings completed within the last five (5) years (under the management of the CPO). The common problems encountered during the construction phase and post-construction phase are identified; discussed and shown to be solvable. As a result, this study is concluded by presenting recommendations to mitigate the potential risks to the objectives of UWI, St. Augustine.

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