

ABSTRACT

This paper examines the potential uses of small computers in the construction industry and surveys a number of the micro and mini-computer system available in Trinidad and Tobago.

Emphasis is placed on small to medium sized contracting firms as this is an area of computer usage only recently opened by the development of low cost and relatively powerful mini and micro-computers.

A feasibility study is undertaken for the computerization of an actual contracting firm operating in Trinidad and Tobago.

As the usage of computers is already well established among the larger contractors and consulting firms, a detailed study of the effects of computerization on these firms is not included in the scope of this paper.