In Nigeria, the Cadastral Survey Industry’s contemporary history showcases the FIRST CAPACITY BUILT with great success in the form of the CADASTRAL MANDATORY DEPOSIT SYSTEM (CMDS). This system has significantly added value to Cadastral Survey Business, leading to positive multiplier effects on personal and corporate economies of Surveyors in Nigeria. It is important to note that many government policies lack adequate survey input, and the failure to implement these policies is often due to a lack of public awareness of the significance of survey work as the bedrock of meaningful national development.

Cadastral Survey remains the gateway and open window through which public awareness of survey business is appreciated, often with particular patronage. However, there is little or no awareness of other sectors of the Survey Industry.

This paper will present the CMDS as Capacity Built in recent times, highlighting the need for its overhaul and the necessity to initiate a new capacity building to reposition Cadastral Survey Business more effectively, ensuring better linkages with the public and other sectors of the Survey Industry for better Land Administration and general and holistic management.