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Fire Safety Infrastructure: A Proposal for The Replacement of An Outdated Building with A Modern Fire Station Facility in Barangay Bulaon Resettlement City of San Fernando, Pampanga

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Abstract:

The fire station in a barangay provides many benefits to the community. The main advantage is the assurance that emergencies such as fires, natural disasters, and other dangerous events will be dealt with promptly and effectively. Fire department personnel, equipment, and supplies can help reduce property damage, injuries, and loss of life. Additionally, the fire station can serve as a center for disaster preparedness and community education programs, which helps build awareness and resilience in the barangay Furthermore, the presence of a fire station can have a positive effect on property prices and has attracted new businesses and residents to the area. In summary, a barangay fire station provides valuable community benefits, enhancing safety, rehabilitation, and economic development.

Keywords — — Fire station, Emergency Response Planning, Mitigation, Quick Response Time.

I. INTRODUCTION

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II. METHODOLOGY

3.2 Setting the Parameters and Preparation of the Test Sample

Preparation of Material

Concrete - the study utilized design codes to ensure the efficiency and reliability of the structure. To guarantee a habitable building, the National Structural Code of the Philippines was followed. The most recent ACI 318 was utilized for the structural design, which had been reorganized as a memberbased document. This meant that specific member types, such as beams, columns, or slabs, had separate sub-sections containing all the necessary design requirements for that member type. This streamlined the process by removing the necessity to search through multiple sections to fulfill the design criteria for a particular structural element, which used to be a requirement under the previous organizational format.

Steel - in the design process, the yield strength Fy = 414 MPa of A615M, Grade 60 was employed. The researchers opted to use ASTM A615 steel due to its desirable properties, as well as its ease of welding using any method.

Design Parameters

Soil Properties - the soil data will be provided by the nearest available soil investigation report in Bulaon Resettlement, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Seismic - the near source factor can be determined by using the Fault Finder application. The nearest causative fault is located at the West Valley fault, which is 56.1 km away from the proposed fire station, which is in Bulaon Resettlement, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. The ACSE/SEI 7-10 approach, which uses spectral acceleration to determine the earthquake loads is accepted as an alternative procedure.

Location

The researchers selected the location of the fire station by considering various factors, such as accessibility and availability. To determine the most suitable spot, the researchers used Google Maps to identify the nearest location to the center of the barangay and the exit routes to neighboring barangays. They also ensured that the location was accessible for both small and large vehicles. After calculating the total available land area, the researchers developed a proposed layout for the fire station.

3.2 Design Procedure

Design method - The researchers used AutoCAD to build a floor plan for the fire station layout design. The total factored loads were calculated using the NSCP 2015 supported formulas.

STAAD Pro is used for structural design and determining the properties and dimensions that are used in the project's construction.

Capacity - Based on the data gathered in the given location, according to the 2020 Census, the Barangay comprises 27,506 individuals, equivalent to 7.76% of the entire population. It shares borders with neighboring barangays, namely Malpitic (2.12%), Maimpis (3.62%), Calulut (11.99%), Del Carmen (1.93%), and Sindalan (4.23%), making a combined total of 84,730 residents, representing 23.92% of San Fernando's total population. Meanwhile, Barangay Panipuan and Barangay Rafael have 4,016 (2.32%) and 4,805 (2.77%) residents, respectively, totaling

8,821 individuals, or 5.09% of Mexico's total population.

Structure - the primary objective of structural analysis and design is to engineer a structure capable of enduring all external forces throughout its intended lifespan. Flaws in the planning of structural elements can lead to critical consequences, including substantial financial burdens or, in the most tragic instances, the loss of human lives-a cost that cannot be equated with any monetary value. The initial phase, known as Conceptual Design, involves the creation of preliminary designs for elements like slabs, beams, columns, and footings, adhering to code recommendations.

Design	Parameter
Design	1 urumeter

f'c	21 MPa		
fy	276 MPa		
Thickness	100 mm ø		
Bars ø	12 mm ø		
Concrete Cover	20 mm		
Table 2.1 Design Parameters for Slabs			

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f'c	21 MPa	
fy	414 MPa	
Main bar	20 mm ø	
Stirrups	10 mm ø	
Concrete Cover	40 mm	

Table 2.2 Design Pa	rameters for Beams

f'c	21 MPa	
fy	414 MPa	
Main bar	16 mm ø	
Lateral Ties	10 mm ø	
Concrete Cover	40 mm	
Table 2.3 Design Parameters for Columns		

Table 2.5 Design Parameters for Columns

f'c	21 MPa
fy	414 MPa
Reinforcing Steel Bars	16 mm ø
Thickness	300 mm
Concrete Cover	75 mm
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Table 2.4 Design Parameter for Footing

III. **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

3.1 Location/Vicinity

The recommended fire station location for the study region is Block 88 in Bulaon Resettlement, San Fernando, Pampanga. This location was selected based on factors such as accessibility, response time, and coverage area.



Figure 3.1: Homeowners Association Bulaon Resettlement

The location of the building is $15^{\circ}04'52.9"$ N $120^{\circ}39'44.7"$ E.



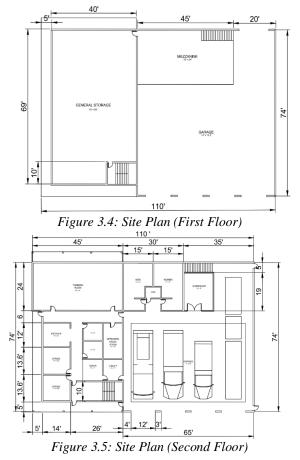
Figure 3.2: Blocks of Barangay Bulaon Resettlement

The proposed location for the fire station is Block 88 in Bulaon Resettlement, San Fernando, Pampanga. It is situated along major roads such as Jose Abad Santos Avenue (National Highway) and McArthur Highway, as well as minor roads such as Bulaon Rd, Northville Rd, Calulut Rd, J Rizal Ave, Northville Rd and Centro, Calulut, Gloria 1, and Mexico-Calulut Rd. These roads provide easy access to the barangay and nearby barangays, even for large vehicles that are required for firefighter response. The researchers also took into consideration the fact that the site is only in front of Ricardo P. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital and 900 meters away from the Bulaon Resettlement Health Center, which is advantageous in terms of providing health services.



Figure 3.3: Bulaon Resettlement and the nearby barangays

The proposed location for the new fire station is the old building of the Homeowners Association, which is in close proximity to the Ricardo P. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital, San Vicente Pilot School for Philippine Craftsmen, Bulaon Multipurpose Pavilion, the elementary school in Bulaon, and the San Antonio Covered Court.



3.2 **Design Parameters**

Availability

There are several stores within proximity to the location of the proposed fire station. Freeway Hardware & General Merchandise is one of the wellknown stores that sell quality building products used for construction. Clarris Trading is also one of the nearest retailers that sell construction products.

Code and Specifications:

- 1. National Structural Code of the Philippines 2015, NSCP2015, Volume 1 Generally for the entire Analysis and Design Requirements
- 2. Uniform Building Code 1997 Edition, UBC97 – For Building Seismic Analysis

Material Strengths:

The following material strengths shall follow the specifications used for the building, i.e.:

Material Properties: *As per the original design criteria*

Minimum Concrete Compressive Strength, f'c:

Columns:	fc' = 21MPa (3000 psi)		
Beams:	fc' = 21MPa (3000 psi)		
Slabs:	fc' = 21MPa (3000 psi)		
Footing:	fc' = 21MPa (3000 psi)		
Reinforcement steel bars shall be deformed			
and shall conform to ASTM 615			

Main Bars, $(16 \text{mm or larger})\mathbf{fy} = \mathbf{414}\mathbf{MPa}$ (*Grade* 60)

Secondary Bars, (<12mm) **fy = 228MPa** (*Grade 33*)

fy = 276MPa

(Grade40)

Loads:

Design loads and forces encompass those originating from the building's self-weight, which includes all permanent loads referred to as "Dead Loads," nonpermanent loads associated with occupancy known as "Live Loads," and seismic forces referred to as "Seismic Loads." These forces operate in the most crucial combinations, employing the relevant load factors as prescribed by the governing national structural code of the Philippines.

Dead Loads:

Dead loads encompass all the materials and fixed equipment integrated into a building or any other structure. These materials include but are not limited to, items such as walls, floors, roofs, ceilings, stairways, built-in partitions, finishes, cladding, and other architectural and structural components that are similarly incorporated. Additionally, fixed equipment is part of dead loads. These loads represent the self-weight of the structural frame of the building. Below, you'll find the design dead loads utilized in the analysis and design of the building.

Materials	Unit Dead
	Loads
ROOF DECK	(In kPa)
Slab (100mm @24kN/m ³)	2.40
Floor Finish (topping included)	1.10
Ceiling	0.10
Mechanical, Electrical,	0.10
Plumbing (MEP)	
Waterproofing	0.10
Interior Partitions	1.0
Total	4.7
SECOND FLOOR	(In kPa)
Slab (100mm @24kN/m ³)	2.40
Floor Finish (topping	1.10
included)	
menadea)	
Ceiling	0.10
	0.10 0.10
Ceiling	
Ceiling Mechanical, Electrical,	
Ceiling Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing (MEP)	0.10
Ceiling Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing (MEP) Interior Partitions	0.10

Table 3.1 Dead Load

Live Loads:

These are moveable loads and non-permanent loads that put stress on the floor, including interchangeable loads caused by occupancies during the life of the structure, with the exclusion of wind and earthquake loads. Live loads must consistently surpass the loads stipulated in Section 205 of the NSCP 2015 and should correspond to the highest loads expected

based on the intended use or occupancy. Below, you will find the design live loads that have been employed in this design.

Occupancy / Use		Floor Live Loads (kPa)
Basic Floor	Area	1.9
(Residential)		
Roof Live Load		0.6

Table 3.2 Live Load

Seismic Loads:

Given the Philippines' high seismic risk location, it's crucial to factor in seismic effects during building design. NSCP 2010 Section 208, which draws from the Uniform Building Code, offers a comprehensive approach to addressing seismic loads. This involves considerations such as seismic zoning, site characteristics, occupancy, and structural layout, all of which inform design choices and restrictions.

The seismic analysis parameters for computing the lateral seismic forces on the building structure are presented below:

Occupancy Category: Essential Facilities

Table 3.5 of Section 103

Occupancy Importance Factor, I: 1.5 Table 208

Seismic Zone Factor, Z: 0.40

Designated I the Station			
Occupancy Category	Seismic	Seismic	
	Importance	Importance	
	Factor, I_p	Factor,	
Essential Facilities	1.50	1.50	
Hazardous Facilities	1.25	1.50	
Special Occupancy	1.00	1.00	
Structures			
Standard Occupancy	1.00	1.00	
Structures			
Miscellaneous	1.00	1.00	
Structures			
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Designated Fire Station

Table 3.3: Seismic Importance Factors

Seismic Zone:

The Philippines archipelago is divided into only two seismic zones. Zone 2 includes the provinces of Palawan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi, while the remainder of the country falls under Zone 4.

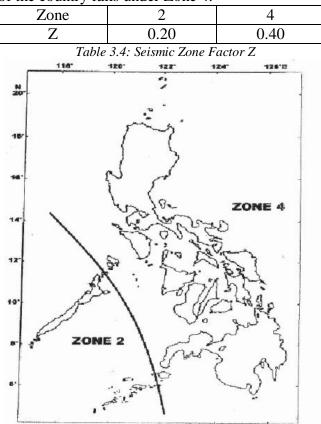


Figure 3.6: Referenced Seismic Map of the Philippines



Figure 3.7: Nearest to West Valley Fault

Nearest Source Factor:	56.1km Nearest to West Valley Fault		
Source Factor.			
	1.0	Near-Source factor, Na	
	1.0	Near-Source factor. Nv	

Seismic	Closest Distance to Known			
Source	Seismic Source			
Туре	$\leq 2 \text{ km}$	5 km	\geq 10 km	
Α	1.5	1.2	1.0	
B	1.3	1.0	1.0	
С	1.0	1.0	1.0	

Table 3.5: Near-Source Factor, N_a^{I} **Closest Distance to Known** Seismic **Seismic Source** Source ≤ 2 5 km 10 km ≥ 15 Type km km 2.0 1.6 1.2 1.0 Α 1.6 1.2 1.0 1.0 B С 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0

Table 3.6: Near-Source Factor, N_v^I

Seismic Source Type: A Faults with Max. Moment Magnitude greater than 7

Moment-Resisting Frame Structure:

Concrete Special Moment Resisting Frame Seismic Resistance factor: 8.5

Loading Combination:

Considering that earthquake load, E, is as specified under section 208.6.1 which is equal to: $E = pE_h + E_v$

As per Section 203.3 of the NSCP2015 7th Edition 1.4 Dead Load

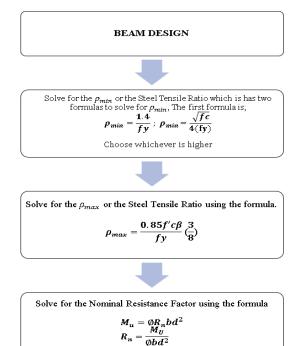
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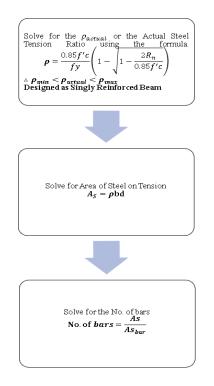
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÷ L	1:+EQX
÷ L	2:+EQZ
÷ L	3:DL
÷ L	4 : LL
÷ C	5 : ULC, 1.4 DEAD
÷ C	6 : ULC, 1.2 DEAD + 1.6 LIVE
÷ C	7 : ULC, 1.2 DEAD + 1 LIVE
÷ C	8 : ULC, 1.2 DEAD
÷ C	9 : ULC, 1.2 DEAD + 1 LIVE + 1 SEISMIC (1)
÷ C	10 : ULC, 1.2 DEAD + 1 LIVE + 1 SEISMIC (2)
÷ C	11 : ULC, 0.9 DEAD
÷ C	12 : ULC, 0.9 DEAD + 1 SEISMIC (1)
÷ C	13 : ULC, 0.9 DEAD + 1 SEISMIC (2)

3.3 Structural Details

Structural detailing must comply with NSCP 2015's Section 418 (Earthquake-Resistant Structures) and Section 425 (Reinforcement Detailing).

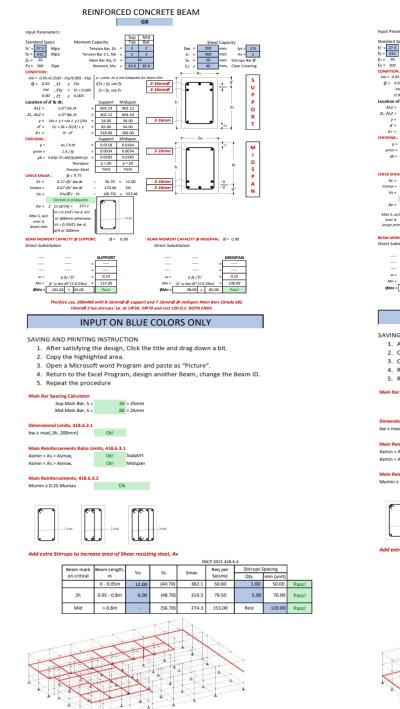




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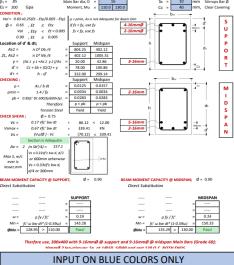
Beam Design – 0.2 x 0.4 RB





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- SAVING AND PRINTING INSTRUCTION

- After satisfying the design, Click the title and drag down a bit.
 Copy the highlighted area.
 Open a Microsoft word Program and paste as "Picture".
 Return to the Excel Program, design another Beam, change the Beam ID.
- 5. Repeat the procedure

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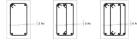
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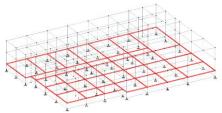
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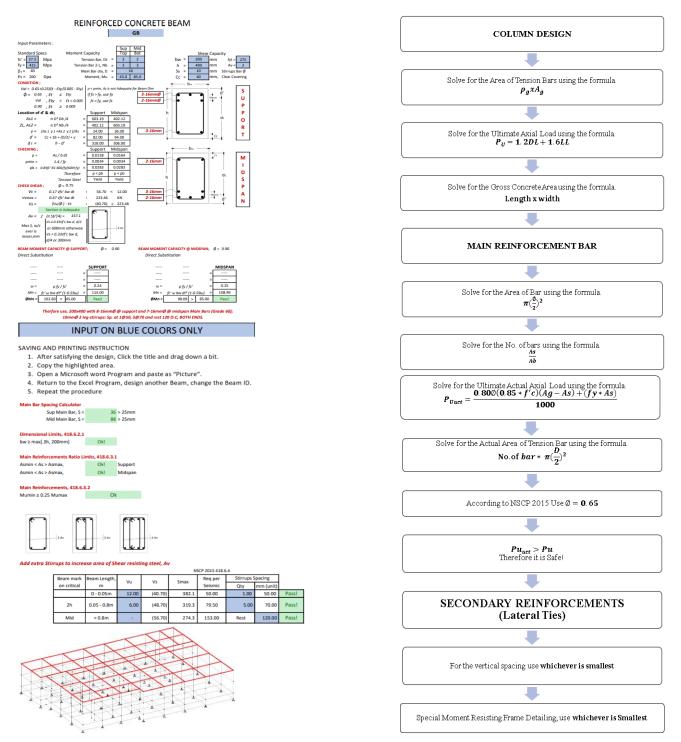
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2h	0.05 - 0.8m	6.00	(78.12)	199.1	80.50	5.00	80.00	Pass!		
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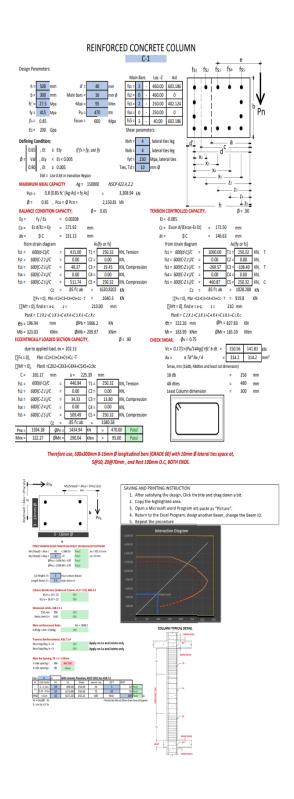
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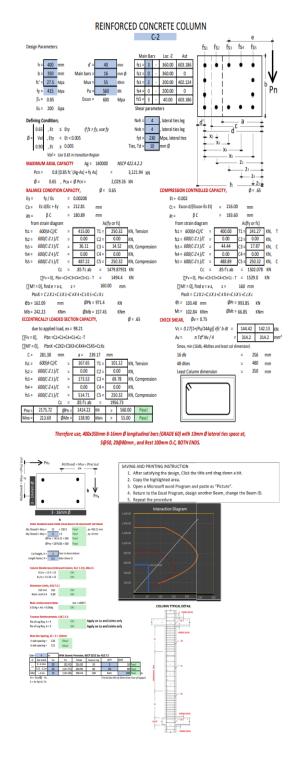
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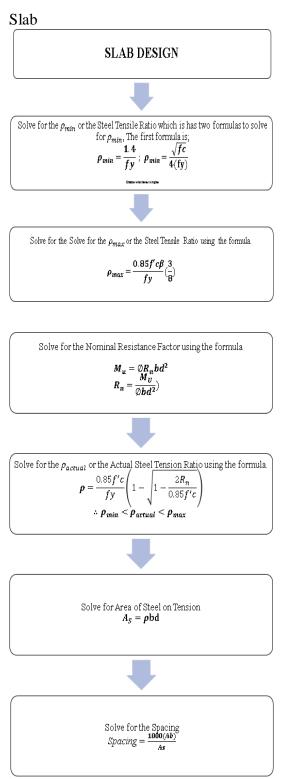


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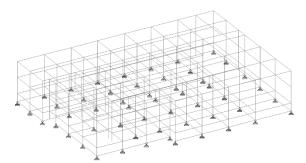
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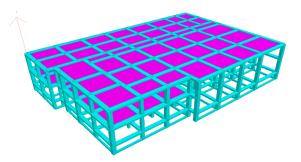




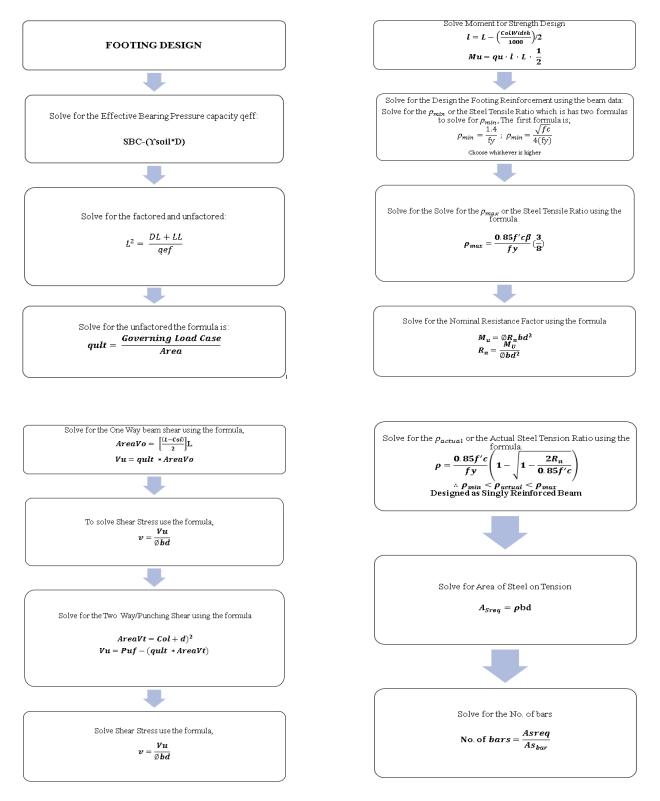


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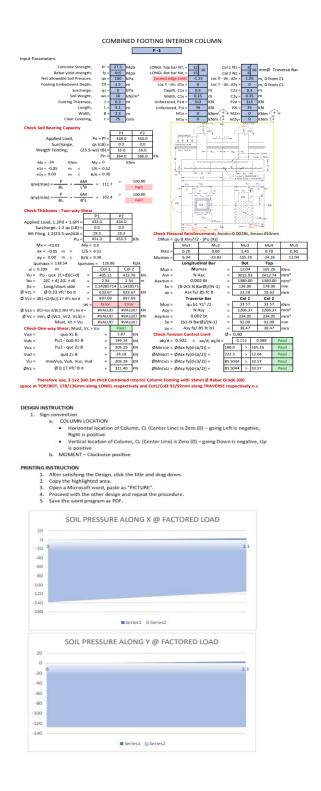


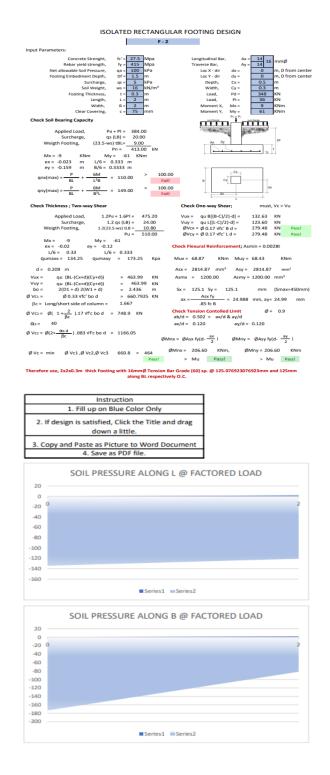
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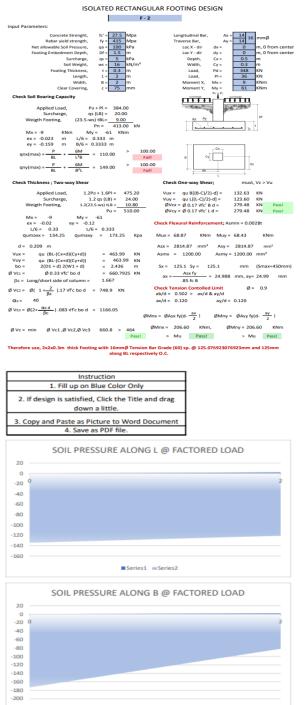
Footing Design – Design Footing F-1

Footing Design – Isolated Footing F-2





Footing Design – Isolated Footing F-2



Series1 Series2

Budget Estimate

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Amount
A.	STRUCTURAL STEEL				
A.1	STEEL REBARS				
1	10mmø x 6.0m	3512	pcs.	140.00	491,680.00
2	12mmø x 6.0m	3,765.00	pcs.	190.00	715,350.00
3	16mmø x 6.0m	386.00	pcs.	340.00	131,240.00
4	16mmø x 6.0m	291.00	pcs.	400.00	116,400.00
5	Tie Wire No.16	10.00	roll	1,800.00	18,000.00
	Subtotal				1,472,670.00
	Subtotal (Structural Steel)				1,472,670.00
B.	Concrete Works				
1	READY MIX CONCRETE (4000)psi	510.15	cu m.	4,910.00	2,504,836.50
	Subtotal (Concrete Works)				2,504,836.50
	GRANDTOTAL				3,977,506.50

IV. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Summary

The objective of this study is to establish an appropriate fire station to serve the residents of Bulaon Resettlement, San Fernando, Pampanga as well as residents of the barangay who live near Bulaon Resettlement. The fire station will be sustainable in terms of the components like fire accidents, quick response, and serving the community.

The following is the summary of the findings:

• The location in Block 88 Bulaon Resettlement, City of San Fernando, Pampanga is suitable for the building's location.

• The structure was designed with the logical connection of Ultimate Strength Design, Steel Design, Earthquake Engineering, and Foundation Engineering In accordance with the specifications and recommended guidelines of the National Structural Code of the Philippines (NSCP 2015).

4.2 Summary

Considering the study's results, the following recommendations are proposed to improve the future development of the suggested Fire Station.

- 1. Due to assumptions on the allowable soilbearing capacity within the design, a soil test shall be conducted to configure the appropriate design of the foundation of the building.
- 2. Ensure that the fire station prioritizes accessibility and inclusivity for all community members, including individuals with disabilities. This may involve incorporating wheelchair ramps, accessible restrooms, and braille signage, among other features.
- 3. Health Organizations and Barangay personnel will use the building to carry out plans and programs in the absence of fire accidents.
- 4. In addition to providing emergency response services, the fire station could also serve as a community health center, offering health care programs and services to residents. This could include services such as first aid training, and blood pressure screenings, and serves as a second health center of the barangay.
- 5. Develop a comprehensive training program for firefighters and other staff who will be working at the fire station. This should cover a range of topics, including fire safety protocols, emergency response procedures, and equipment operation and maintenance.
- 6. A certification or any proof that the location is suitable and possible to have a fire station.

V. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the researchers, consultations, and design computation that were made, the following conclusions were drawn:

• The building's confirmed location is Block 88, Bulaon, San Fernando, Pampanga, situated along the main road. The project occupies a total land area of 1934 square meters, ensuring accessibility for large vehicles like fire trucks, emergency vehicles, and ambulances.

• Within the architectural design that has been made, for the structural design based on the calculations using the supported formulas and standard requirements in the NSCP 2015; the structure is safe.

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