

In accordance with the paragraph 11.3.4. of the competition rules of

**URBANISTIC AND ARCHITECTURAL
COMPETITION FOR A CONCEPTUAL
DESIGN FOR THE SPACE OF
LESSER TOWN SQUARE IN PRAGUE**

**ENQUIRIES ABOUT COMPETITION ISSUES
RESPONDED TO BY THE ORGANISER
AND RESPONSES TO THESE ENQUIRIES**

AS OF 17 JULY 2014

and

**RESPONSES ON THE SUBJECT OF THE COMPETITION
DELIBERATED BY THE COMPETITION
JURY AT ITS MEETING**

ON 18 JULY 2014

are published

Enquiry No. 1 dated 2 July 2014

ENQUIRY TEXT:

I have a question about the conditions of participation in the competition: Can certified engineers in the field of structural engineering participate in the competition as well?

- a) according to point 4.1. e), only certified architects may participate in the competition.
 - b) but it follows from the information in Annex No. 3 – “Affidavit on fulfilment of basic qualification prerequisites” that certified architects as well as certified engineers in the field of structural engineering may participate in the competition.
- Which information is correct? Please unify the ambiguous information on basic qualification prerequisites for competition participants.

RESPONSE:

The provision of point 4.1 e) of the Competition Rules is determinative for the possibility of participation in the competition. Certified architects meeting the prerequisites of the condition in point 4.1 of the Competition Rules may participate. Annex No. 3 has been revised.

Enquiry No. 2 dated 3 July 2014

- (a) on the subject of the competition,
- b) on organisational matters of the competition)

WORDING OF THE ENQUIRY:

As a possible competition candidate I have some questions:

- a) It's possible to provide a land survey with altimetric information? It seems to me very important due to altimetric variations in the square.
 - b) In the 6.7.3 item its not clear to me the information to provide on the exterior envelope
- The address to send the proposal is :
Prague Institute of Planning and Development, contributory organisation, Vyšehradská 57/2077, 128 00, Prague 2, block C, filing room (“podatelna”) And the senders, as i am a portuguese architect i should put the: Portuguese chamber of architects ?

Written in English, translated ? or with the Portuguese nomination

RESPONSE:

Ad a) There is a *003.Situace vrstevnice_Situacion contour lines.dwg* file, in the folder *003. Situacion*. Resolution 1 meter height contour lines.

Ad b) From Portugal (and also from other foreign countries) please send the proposal to the address of Enunciator in English:

Prague Institute of Planning and Development,
Contributory Organisation
Vyšehradská 57/2077,
CZ 128 00 Prague 2,
block C, filing room („podatelna“)
Czech Republic

or in Czech:

Institute of Planning and City Development
Vyšehradská 57/2077
budova C/411 – podatelna
CZ 128 00 Prague 2
Czech Republic

Please specify as the sender the Portuguese chamber of architects with the address in English or Portuguese.

Enquiry No. 2 dated 3 July 2014

WORDING OF THE ENQUIRY:

It's possible to provide a traffic route plan with an extended limit?

RESPONSE:

By 31 July 2014, the materials will be supplemented with the following documents:

O18. Transport – passport of the current state

O19. Transport – model burden of the current state, for the wider historic territorial part or Prague.

O20. Transport - model expected burden after commissioning of the tunnel Blanka

Enquiry No. 4 dated 11 July 2014

(on the subject of the competition)

WORDING OF THE ENQUIRY:

In the section on parking spaces, point 2.2 of the Competition Rules specifies the number of parking spaces for the Parliament. What is the extent of utilisation of these spaces? Are they utilised daily or only sometimes, e.g. during Parliamentary sessions?

RESPONSE:

A survey of parking in the area of Lesser Town Square conducted by the Technical Administration of Roadways in February 2014 shows that MPs use the parking facility in the lower part of the square even when the Parliament is not in session.

Inspections performed on foot by the Enunciator show that the reserved parking spaces (18 spaces) along the north side of the square are continuously full on workdays while they are not utilised at weekends.

Enquiry No. 5 dated 11 July 2014

(on the subject of the competition)

WORDING OF THE ENQUIRY:

Its possible to propose increasing the number of parking spaces in the existing underground garage (house of commons) in order to consider Lesser Town Saqure space free of parking (+ 46 blue zone)?

RESPONSE:

It is not possible to increase the number of spaces in the underground garages at the current site; the space beneath the Parliament building is already filled to capacity. In addressing parking, competitors should take note of the provision of point 2.3 of the Competition Rules.

Enquiry No. 6 dated 11 July 2014

(on the subject of the competition)

WORDING OF THE ENQUIRY:

Its possible to provide the file 003.Situace vrstevnice_Situacion contour lines.dwg file with the buildings information in the same file ?

Ive tried to overlap the 2 separeted files and they dont match.

RESPONSE:

A new document, O21. Situation – combined data, will be by 31 July 2014 added to the materials.

Enquiry No. 7 dated 13 July 2014

(on organisational matters of the competition)

WORDING OF THE ENQUIRY:

Can a student in the last year of architecture school apply to the competition merely under the auspices of an certified architect, or can only an certified architect be specified as an author? Or is it at least possible to specify a team so that the student who elaborates the work can at least be specified as a co-author, if it is not otherwise possible?

RESPONSE:

A competition participant must be a certified person per point 4.1 e) of the Competition Rules. It is possible and common for multiple persons to participate – authors in a team (as one participant) – of whom at least one must be a certified person (see point 4.2.2). In the specific case, it is thus ideal for there to be two members in the team, i.e. two authors, of whom one holds the required certification.

Enquiry No. 8 dated 14 July 2014

(on organisational matters of the competition)

WORDING OF THE ENQUIRY:

In connection with the competition concerning Lesser Town Square, I have a question about Section 4 (1) d) of the Competition Rules. According to this section, the participant must meet the conditions in Section 3 of Act No. 137/2006 Coll., on public contracts. For this reason, I would like to know if the participant must meet the conditions from para. 3 of this section and present the appropriate documents or merely the signed declaration on fulfilment of basic qualification prerequisites.

RESPONSE:

Fulfilment of the qualification prerequisites per point 4 (1) d) is demonstrated by an affidavit (see point 4.2.1 of the Competition Rules).

Enquiry No. 9 dated 14 July 2014

(on organisational matters of the competition)

WORDING OF THE ENQUIRY:

The accompanying report must be condensed on one A4 sheet. Could the text part contain as a separate removable annex e.g. a brief expert assessment with a cost estimate for an unusual component urbanistic or technical solution (e.g. for parking, etc.)?

RESPONSE:

Expanding the text part beyond the limit stipulated by the Competition Rules is not expedient. According to point 8.3.3 of the Competition Rules, the jury must exclude from consideration all parts which exceed the requirements, and thus will not take them into consideration. This provision, which follows from the Competition Rules of the Czech Chamber of Architects, ensures equal conditions for all competitors.

Enquiry No. 10 dated 15 July 2014

(on organisational matters of the competition)

WORDING OF THE ENQUIRY:

In the required text part for the Lesser Town Square competition, it is written that:

The text part will be in an extent of max. 1 A4 sheet (max. 4000 characters including spaces).

One standard page of text, however, has 1800 characters per 1 A4 sheet. So in order to meet the requirement, we should reduce the normal font size by a factor of roughly three? Then 4000 characters would fit on 1 A4 sheet. This means using the smallest font possible in order to cram 4000 characters onto 1 A4 sheet? Is this correct?

Note: 1 standard A4 page (i.e. c. 1800 characters including spaces, i.e. 250 words) is not sufficient for the required description of the competition design (i.e. a clarification of and rationale for the selected solution, architectural description, transport and material solution, description of the design's stages with respect to traffic at rest and the gradual reduction of the overall number of parking spaces).

In my opinion, 4000 characters is the minimum for the required description (i.e. c. 2.5 standard pages).

RESPONSE:

The Competition Rules do not require a standard page with 1800 keystrokes. The report with 4000 keystrokes on the page will be verified.

Enquiry No. 11 dated 16 July 2014

(on organisational matters of the competition)

WORDING OF THE ENQUIRY:

I have a doubt about the item 4.1 of the Competition Rules Document.

It is written at „e“:“ They are certified architects in the field of architecture or in the field of land use planning or they are certified architects with general competence, or persons settled or visiting under Act No. 360/1992 Coll., on Certified Architects and Certified Engineers and Technicians Active in Construction, as amended, or certified architects under the laws of the relevant member state of the European Economic Area or of the Swiss Confederation, of which they are citizens or in which they have their registered office.“

I would like to clarify if I can submit a design for the Competition. I am not an architect from European Economic Area but I have completed my studies in Architecture and Urban Planning, so I can design for the field of architecture and land planning in my country. I am also registered in the Architecture Council of my country. Can I submit a copy of my ID as an affidavit of my architect certification?

RESPONSE:

In order to participate in this competition, it is necessary to join an architect who meets the requirements of point 4.1 e) of the Competition Rules.