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Landscape architecture competition:
Greening of Place de l'Acadie

Montréal, December 7, 2010 — The Borough of Ahuntsic-Cartierville is holding a landscape architecture competition as part of the design plan for the neighbourhood park included in the Place de l'Acadie residential redevelopment initiative.

The project calls for the greening of the Place de l'Acadie site. Landscaping of this new park will help combat the urban heat island effect, through such methods as the creation of areas to refresh the surrounding air as well as shaded zones, and increasing the density of vegetation.

The forecast budget for the overall project is $1 million, and the total surface area to be redeveloped is 3152 square metres.

Ahuntsic-Cartierville Borough Mayor Pierre Gagnier said: "This competition presents an opportunity for the province's landscape architects to put their talents to work developing a green space that will result in enhanced quality of life for both current and future residents of Place de l'Acadie."

Mr. Gagnier added: "This public space will be at the heart of the project to redevelop Place de l'Acadie and Place Henri-Bourassa, a major initiative that includes the demolition of 550 substandard dwellings and reconstruction of 1,293 new units, including 468 condominium units, 602 privately leased units for seniors, as well as 223 social and community housing units."

Purpose of the competition

The purpose of the competition, which involves the greening of a park to help combat the urban heat island effect, is to allow for the development and evaluation of various concepts, leading to the selection of a winning project. After the choice of winning project is approved by the borough, the winning team will be awarded a contract to co-ordinate the project, develop the technical drawings and specifications, and ensure worksite surveillance.

The competition is open to all landscape architects who are members in good standing of the Association des architectes paysagistes du Québec.

Registration

Interested landscape architects may register by e-mail at concours@phd-architecture.com. Only registered entrants will receive the competition documents, information and related addenda. A printed copy of the competition documents will be available (for consultation purposes only) at the borough office, by appointment (contact Philippe Drolet at 514 281-3090).

Address for submissions and deadline

Applications as part of Phase I of the competition must be received no later than 4 p.m. on January 17, 2011, at the following address:

Concours d'architecture de paysage pour l'aménagement du parc de Place de l'Acadie
Arrondissement Ahuntsic-Cartierville
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