



Architectural Design Competition to provide access to Balscadden Bay, Howth, Co Dublin.

RIAI One-Stage Competition Proposal

The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland is a champion for quality and sustainability in the built environment. We engage with government, stakeholders and the public and have been successfully running architectural competitions for over 20 years.

Clr. David Healy as sought a proposal from the RIAI to promote and administer a one-stage architectural design competition to provide access way to Balscadden Bay, Howth, Co Dublin

1) Competition Plan and Timeline

We propose the following Competition Plan for a one-stage design competition:

Pre Competition (ca 1 month)

- Development and Approval of Competition Brief (Client and RIAI)
- Compilation of the Competition Info Pack (competition brief; site information such as photos and drawings; entry requirements etc.) (Client and RIAI)
- Appointment of Competition Jury and Jury Guidelines (RIAI with Client input)

One-Stage Competition (RIAI)

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| • Competition Launch and Opening of Registration | End of XXX |
| • Competitors' Questions: | 2 weeks post launch |
| • Circulation of Answers to Competitors: | 3 weeks post launch |
| • Registration Closes | 3 weeks post launch |
| • Final Date for Submission of Entries: | 8 weeks post launch |
| • Jury Assessment | 10 weeks post launch |
| • Winner and Shortlist chosen and Jury Report | 11 weeks post launch |
| • Winner and Shortlist Informed | 12 weeks post launch |
| • Result announced publically | 12-13 Weeks post launch |

2) Competition Brief

The Competition Brief is the key to a successful competition. The brief must clearly express the aims of aspirations of the Client and should:

- State the outcome sought in the competition
- Define mandatory conditions, services available etc.
- Define the project budget
- Define the performance and functional requirements to an appropriate level of detail

3) Competition Eligibility

For a competition of this nature, we propose an architect-led design team, which could include landscape architects or engineers.

4) Competition Jury

The quality of assessors for a competition is together with the brief the most important element in determining the success of the process. In general the appointees to the Jury should have an acknowledged reputation and should have experience of competition assessment. There are a number of architects in the public service and local authorities who have significant experience in competition assessment. The balance of assessors should be made up by the persons representing the promoter. It is important that the client is fully involved in the assessment process at all levels. While the assessors would not in any sense determine the competition brief, they have an important function in ensuring that the brief as presented is sufficiently comprehensive and comprehensible to guarantee a good response from the entrants.

Proposed Composition of the Jury

- Chairperson
- 2-3 Architects from the public and private sector
- Representatives from the Client body
- Judging to take place online

5) Competition Management

The management and administration of architectural competitions is complex and any divergence from procedures can lead to challenges from entrants. The RIAI has a range of management systems, which relieve the client/promoter of the administration burden of competition management. Once a competition system is agreed, the RIAI provides a full management service for competitions including:

- Liaison with the Jury
- Competition publicity
- Registration of competitors
- Assessment of eligibility of competitors
- Processing and issuing of competition packs to competitors
- Processing competitors questions and answers
- Arrangements for competition assessment

- General administrative support

6) Competition Costs

The Cost for a one-stage competition depends on the exact scope of services, which are subject to the Client's ambition and brief. The RIAI would expect its fee to be in the order of €10,000 (excl. VAT) for organising and managing a competition as outlined above.

Additional costs may include:

- Honorarium: 3 – 5 premiated entrants – €5-10,000 each
- Honorarium for Jury members – non –public service Jury Members €2,000 each
- Travel and subsistence for jury members;
- Technical Jury – if required
- Exhibition and publication of entries
- Survey

Post Competition

A publication or exhibition of the shortlisted schemes and the winner could be considered subject to available funding. This will promote public engagement and create awareness around the project. (Client with RIAI input if required).

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