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Competition for the Passive House Award 2014

International Award for energy-efficient buildings and regions

Darmstadt. The race is on for the 2014 Passive House Award – Leaders in the field of energy-efficient construction from around the world can now submit their innovative projects. Competition entries may include single buildings as well as entire districts or regions. An independent jury will evaluate the architectural design and urban planning aspects of the submitted projects with special attention given to the use of renewables in sustainable energy supply concepts. Winning projects will be awarded at the International Passive House Conference next April in Aachen, Germany.

The Passive House Award is intended to demonstrate the high architectural quality and the diverse nature of the work being done in the field of energy-efficient construction at an international level. The award will also recognise the increasingly popular combination of energy-efficient buildings with renewable energy sources. The award has been announced by the Passive House Institute within the framework of the EU project PassREg (*Passive House Regions with Renewable Energies*) under the patronage of the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Construction and Urban Development.

Conditions for participation

Competition entries may be submitted online through 30 September 2013 on the competition website at www.passivehouse-award.org. For single buildings, Passive House certification and the use of renewables is a prerequisite; compliance with EnerPHit criteria is essential in the case of retrofits. City districts, towns, entire streets or regions can even participate if they are still in the development phase. Achievement of the Passive House or EnerPHit Standard should also be aimed for and at least one building in the scheme must be certified. Applications may be submitted by representatives of both the public and private sector including municipalities,



associations and housing development companies. Award categories will be fixed by the jury depending upon the entries received.

Selection criteria

The jury will consider the exemplary role of the projects in addition to evaluating them on architectural design and urban planning aspects. Creative solutions that address extreme climates or other challenging conditions resulting from the location, the legal framework, financing or construction in general will also be examined. The cost-effectiveness of the buildings or building schemes and the approaches employed will pave the way for implementation of such front running projects on a large scale.

Award / Documentation

The winners of the Passive House Award will be presented to the public at the 18th International Passive House Conference, to be held on 25 and 26 April 2014 in Aachen, Germany. As part of the EU-project, PassREg, this competition will receive attention throughout Europe. After presentation of the award, the competition will be documented in the form of a poster exhibition, which will be shown at different venues.

Members of the jury

- Helmut Bott, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning University of Stuttgart, Germany
- Mark Elton, Sustainable By Design, UK
- Wolfgang Feist, Passive House Institute / University of Innsbruck
- Burkhard Fröhlich, DBZ Deutsche BauZeitschrift, Germany
- Zdracko Genchev, Eneffect, Bulgaria
- Anne Gérin, Plate-forme Maison Passive, Belgium
- Robert Hastings, Architecture, Energy & Environment, Switzerland
- Helmut Krapmeier, Energieinstitut Vorarlberg, Austria
- Jeroen Poppe, Passiefhuis-Platform, Belgium
- Ludwig Rongen, Rongen Architekten GmbH, Germany

After an initial review of the submissions, jury members will decide on the finalists by the end of January 2014. The jury will then meet in Darmstadt, Germany in February to select the winners.

