
IRON LINE

STAGE 1: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

September 2021

1.0 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COMPETITION PROCESS

1.01 Q: Is it expected for the project team to have further engagement with the community after completion of each competition stage?

A: It is not intended that competitors will have direct interaction with the community during this competition. It is the intention that the Stage 1 boards will be put on display online and in an exhibition in Millom. The community will have the opportunity to comment on the boards and their comments will be collated and given to the Jury Panel for consideration when selecting the shortlist. Similarly, the Stage 2 boards and videos will be made available to the community for comment.

The winning team will need to have direct interactions with the community as it creates and delivers its designs.

1.2 Q: [As an organisation based outside the UK] would we be able to lead this endeavour for the competition phase or would it need to be led by a local Landscape Architect?

A: Of course you can lead but you will need to show that you are able to deliver the project in Cumbria. This suggests that you will need a UK partner of some sort. The creative lead can be from anywhere in the world but bear in mind that there will need to be local community engagement in the design process, so the winning team will need to commit resources to the UK during the design phase.

1.3 Q: Please provide:

1. List of Items, Schedule of Requirements, Scope of Work, Terms of Reference, Bill of Materials required.
2. Soft Copy of the Tender Document through email.
3. Names of countries that will be eligible to participate in this tender.
4. Information about the Tendering Procedure and Guidelines
5. Estimated Budget for this Purchase
6. Any Extension of Bidding Deadline
7. Any Addendum or Pre Bid meeting Minutes

A: All information about this competition is provided on the competition website. Please go to <https://www.colander.co.uk/architectural-competitions> and follow the link.

1.4 Q: If shortlisted, will teams receive reimbursement for expenses incurred to attend the site visit and interview? Or are these expenses to be covered by the 5k honorarium?

A: We confirm that, were you to be shortlisted to Stage 2, expenses will need to be met from the £5000 honorarium. Given your base in the US we assume that you will join forces with a local (UK based) team who may find it easier to attend. We will endeavour to get additional images and hopefully some drone footage of the site for shortlisted teams who have people that cannot attend the site visit.

1.5 Q: Please could I confirm that registering our interest for the above competition takes place by emailing you our SSQ completed form?

A: We are not pre-registering interest from potential competitors, so yes, you will simply be added to the list of competitors when we receive your submission documents. To confirm, we need the electronic version by 12 noon on 21 October 2021; with the hard copy of the A2 board by 17.00 on the same day.

1.6 Q: We are interested in the above noted SQ. Please could you confirm whether it's possible to register interest prior to completing the SQ, to ensure we receive any relevant clarifications etc. prior to the submission date?

A: We are not registering interest from potential competitors but rest assured that all updates / clarifications will be posted on the competition website. Please go to: <https://www.colander.co.uk/architectural-competitions> and follow the link. As noted in the brief, answers to any queries we receive will be added to the site on Friday 01 October.

1.7 Q: Could you please issue us with a legible resolution of the map of Millom, as in the document resolution the legend is not legible.

A: A copy of the image has been added to the sidebar of the webpage.

2.0 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SERVICES REQUIRED

2.1 Q: Please could you confirm what is the expected level of design to be completed with respect to the RIBA Stages of Work?

A: As it says in the brief:

"It is the client's intention to appoint the winning team to take the project through to completion on site. The scope of the project will be dependent on the client's ability to raise funds against the Town Deal. Current funds are subject to approval. The winning team will be expected to develop in consultation with technical experts, a costed outline design, with demonstrated deliverability, for the Iron Line across Hodbarrow Reserve, sea wall and car park area by March 2022 to support the Town Deal Business Case.

"If approved by government, the winning team will then develop the detailed design and support delivery for completion of the scheme by March 2026."

3.0 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT

3.1 Q: Which parts of the site have access to utilities? (water, drainage, power)

A: Both Hodbarrow Reserve and the potential car park sites have electricity adjacent to the sites, however we are unaware of any utility access along the sea wall. Utility surveys will be required to confirm provision.

3.2 Q: Will the entire Iron Line route be accessible 24 hours?

A: Yes

3.3 Q: What are the sustainability objectives for the project?

A: At the heart of the Millom Town Deal, there is a desire to deliver clean growth and reduce the carbon footprint with sustainable and innovative approaches. Sustainability is a key requirement for this project not least because much of the site is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). As it says in the brief:

“The area incorporates the RSPB Hodbarrow Nature Reserve and is also designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar site.”

Please note the unique designations of this special site, including the potential of a proposed extension to the Lake District National Park, which could see the outlying areas of Millom included in the National Park; this will further add to the natural capital assets of this special area.
