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Bidding procedure closed: Luther advises BlmA and BMBF in bid invitation for “House of the Future”

Berlin/Essen, 1 December 2014 – The bidding procedure for the Berlin “House of the Future” has been closed: the project contract for the construction of the 3,200 m² building and exhibition complex was signed last week. Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft advised both contracting authorities, i.e. the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung – BMBF) and the Federal Institute for Real Estate (Bundesanstalt für Immobilienaufgaben – BlmA), during the entire bidding procedure.

Through this engagement, Luther underscores its role as adviser when it comes to complex public construction projects. The major law firm had already advised BlmA and BMBF since 2011 on the construction of the new Berlin Office of the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF).

The “House of the Future” is the federal government’s first PPP construction project for which an international planning competition has been held with the aim to meet the specific requirements regarding architecture, urban development and energy efficiency. “This project shows that a good building culture at economic conditions can be implemented by a public private partnership, which was already proven by the last project, the construction of the BMBF’s new Berlin Office.” explained Henner M. Puppel, Luther’s lead partner. “BMBF and BlmA opted for the PPP model which offers a high degree of reliability as to costs, qualities and schedules, but at the same time also provides the flexibility needed for future developments.”

Luther was engaged to carry out the entire Europe-wide bidding procedure starting in March 2011, to prepare the bidding documents and to conduct the negotiations up to the award of contracts. BAM Deutschland AG has won the contract.

About the “House of the Future”

The “House of the Future” will bring citizens together with politics, science and economy in order to illustrate, discuss and develop future issues of science. It will have about 4,000 m² of floor space for exhibitions, events and meetings. In addition, it will feature a shop, a café and a restaurant.

Special focus was laid on energy efficiency and the use of renewable energies to make the building meet the standards of a low-energy house. An essential element of the innovative concept is the energy storage with latent heat storage using paraffin wax. The new building is to qualify for “gold”, which is the highest award that can be obtained according to the assessment system “sustainable building for government buildings”. For more information visit <http://www.hausderzukunft-deutschland.de/>

On behalf of the Federal Institute for Real Estate (BImA)

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