



Imagining the schools of tomorrow

Lab-École Officially Announces the Launch of Its Architecture Competition

Québec City, August 12, 2019 – The Lab-École team is pleased to officially announce the launch of its architecture competition. This competition will generate the first Lab-École projects in Québec.

“We determined the specifications of the different projects by consulting and working with stakeholders from all the communities selected to receive a Lab-École. This was an important step for us in deploying the architecture competition. Completing projects on a competitive basis is known to help raise design quality standards. This way, we will be able to design new models of innovative schools based on best practices that will promote student success,” said Pierre Thibault, architect and co-founder.

A competition in two main stages

Firms that would like to participate in the competition can find information on the SEAO platform. Architects are invited to submit their proposals anonymously during stage 1 via SEAO according to the prescribed procedure specific to each of the five projects: Gatineau (Western Québec School Board), Shefford (Commission scolaire du Val-des-Cerfs), Maskinongé (Commission scolaire du Chemin-du-Roy), Rimouski (Commission scolaire des Phares), and Saguenay (Commission scolaire des Rives-du-Saguenay). The panels will then review the proposals received and select four finalists per project during stage 2. These finalists will be made known in October 2019.

At the beginning of 2020, the panels will determine the five winners. All the finalists’ submissions will then be displayed in their respective communities before the construction stage begins.

The first schools bearing the Lab-École signature will open between September 2021 and September 2022.

Budgets granted

The school boards will be able to benefit from Lab-École’s vision thanks to the support of the Ministère de l’Éducation et de l’Enseignement supérieur.

As a reminder

Lab-École is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring together multidisciplinary expertise to design the schools of tomorrow. Driven by its three founding members—Pierre Thibault, Pierre Lavoie, and Ricardo Larrivée—Lab-École aims to mobilize around this collective thinking to make it a social project.

For more information: www.lab-ecole.com/concours

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Schedule (subject to change)

PHASE 1: COMPETITION: PROJECT DESIGN [synchronous step for all the schools]

| Step 1: Call for anonymous proposals | Date | |
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| Competition announced in the media | June 26, 2019 | |
| Publication of the notice of competition, opening of access to the competition documents | Aug. 12, 2019 | |
| End of the question period | Aug. 26, 2019 | |
| Deadline for sending answers and addenda | Sept. 2, 2019 | |
| Submittal of the anonymous proposals | Sept. 16, 2019 | |
| Analysis of the proposals by the panels | Sept. 18, 2019 | Sept. 30, 2019 |
| Work by the panels and deliberations in view of selecting the finalists | Oct 1, 2019 | Oct. 11, 2019 |
| Transmission of the panels' decisions to the project owner (School board) | Oct. 11, 2019 | |
| Communication with the finalists selected | Oct. 15, 2019 | |
| Announcement of the finalists | Oct. 15, 2019 | |

| Intermediary step: Team complement | Date | |
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| Submittal of the team complement files | Nov. 15, 2019 | |

| Step 2: Presentations | Date | |
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| Information meeting for the finalists (mandatory) | Nov. 12, 2019 | Nov. 15, 2019 |
| End of the question period | Nov. 29, 2019 | |
| Deadline for sending answers and addenda | Dec. 6, 2019 | |
| Submittal of the presentations | Dec. 20, 2019 | |
| Work by the technical committee | Jan. 6, 2020 | Jan. 17, 2020 |
| Submittal of the technical committee's report | Jan. 20, 2020 | |
| Study of the presentations by the panels | Jan. 21, 2020 | Jan. 30, 2020 |
| Public hearing with the finalists and deliberation by the panels | Feb. 3, 2020 | Feb. 17, 2020 |
| Transmission of the panels' decisions to the project owner (School board) | Feb. 18, 2020 | |
| Announcement of the competition results | Feb. 19, 2020 | |
| Dissemination of the proposals, presentations and panel reports | Spring 2020 | |

| Post-competition | Date |
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| Mandate's signature by the winner | Feb. 26, 2020 Mar. 4, 2020 |