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PRE-QUALIFICATION PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF GOETHE-INSTITUT IRLAND HEADQUARTERS OPEN

The German Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning (BBR) this week opened the call for tender application process in relation to the € 8 Million redevelopment and expansion of the Goethe-Institut Irland's Georgian HQ at 37 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. Pre-qualification tender documents can be found at http://www.bbr.bund.de/BBR/DE/BaufachlicherService/Vergaben/Bauleistungen/Ausland/Ablage_%202015/0482-15.html?nn=565822. The deadline to submit an expression of interest is March 24, 2015 at 10pm (CET).

Designed by Irish-German architecture practice Henschion Reuter Architects, commissioned by the German Foreign Office and managed by the German Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning, this substantial construction project will involve an extensive renovation and remodelling of the historic Georgian building and, post-development, will deliver new spaces and services for the Goethe-Institut, including a language school on-site and a public café in the historic building.

Mechtild Manus, Director of the Goethe-Institut Irland, said, "*Eventually there will be one address for everybody in Ireland who is interested in Germany, its language and its culture: 37 Merrion Square in Dublin. I hope that Irish contractors find our project as exciting as I do and apply for the pre-qualification tender.*"

For the duration of the building project (until early 2017), the Goethe-Institut has relocated all services to its current Education building at 62 Fitzwilliam Square. For more information please visit www.goethe.de/irland.

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About the Building Project

The redevelopment of the Goethe-Institut's Irish HQ at 37 Merrion Square will see the 1790 Georgian townhouse refurbished to its period glory and welcome the creation of a new garden and contemporary mews building on the site. Building work commences in 2015. The Goethe-Institut has temporarily relocated all services to 62 Fitzwilliam Square from September 2014 until the Merrion Square building re-opens in early 2017. Designed by Irish/German architects Henchion Reuter Architects, the historic building will contain the Goethe-Institut's Information and Library Service, a new German café and expanded cultural/events space, while the contemporary mews building will house the German Language School and services for teachers of German.

About the Goethe-Institut

The Goethe-Institut is the Federal Republic of Germany's cultural network with 158 institutes in 93 countries. Founded in 1951, it has been active in Ireland since 1961. The role of the Goethe-Institut in Ireland is to inform about Germany, provide German language classes and foster cultural exchange between Ireland and Germany. You can contact the Goethe-Institut at 37 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, Ireland / +353-1-6611155 / www.goethe.de/irland / www.facebook.com/goetheinstitut.irland

About Henchion Reuter Architects

Henchion und Reuter Architekten was established in Leipzig in 1994. In 1998 Henchion and Reuter Architects was established in Dublin. The practice has received numerous design excellence awards in recent years. Completed projects include private homes, hotels, bridges, community and sports centres. www.henchion-reuter.com/

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