

Grangegorman Development Agency announces winners of Master Plan Design Team Competition

Monday 12th November, 2007:

The Grangegorman Development Agency has announced architects/planners **Moore Ruble Yudell** from the USA, in association with **DMOD** from Ireland, as the winners of Grangegorman Master Plan Design Team competition for the re-development of the 73 acre Grangegorman site in the northwest inner city. The winning team will now be awarded the contract to prepare the Grangegorman Master Plan.

Commenting on today's announcement, John Fitzgerald, Chairman of the GDA, said:

"Today is a further important milestone in the development of Grangegorman as a vibrant new city quarter for Dublin, which will see the integration of education, health and other community facilities on this unique and historic 73 acre site, in the heart of Dublin city. We were delighted that this Competition attracted such significant entries from a range of practices in Ireland and internationally. I look forward to the winning team, who are of such high quality, delivering a world class Master Plan for Grangegorman."

Announcing the winners, Gerry Murphy, CEO of the Agency, said:

"**Moore Ruble Yudell** is one of the leading American architectural and planning practices. In 2006, the firm was awarded the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Architecture Firm Award, which is the highest honor that the AIA bestows on an architecture firm and recognizes a practice that consistently produced distinguished architecture for at least 10 years.

We are also especially pleased that the principal-in-charge of the project will be a native of Dublin city, James Mary O'Connor, who grew up in Phibsborough, close to the site, and graduated as an architect from Dublin Institute of Technology."

Mr. Murphy said: "Team members, **DMOD**, are a distinguished Irish architectural practice with a range of achievements, including projects at Grand Canal Square and Darndale. Following their winning of the international design competition for the Darndale Village Centre project, the firm garnered the RIAI award in 2002 for best contribution to urban design for that development."

Commenting on the announcement of their appointment, James Mary O'Connor of **Moore Ruble Yudell** said: "This is a rare opportunity to contribute to the development of a new city quarter in the centre of an historic city like Dublin. As a Dubliner myself, who moved to California twenty five years ago, I am really looking forward to playing a part in such an important and exciting project for the city."

Among many of **Moore Ruble Yudells'** award-winning projects are:

- The Master Plan for the University of Washington Tacoma:
- Tango sustainable Housing, BoO1 Exhibition Malmo, Sweden
- Chun Sen Bi An Conceptual masterplan and housing, Chongqing, China

- Cellular and molecular medicine facilities, San Diego, California
- United States Embassy, Berlin, Germany
- Clarice Smith performing Arts Centre, University of Maryland, USA.