

**Invitation for entries to the competition organized
by the "Lebendige Stadt" Foundation**

"The Coolest Town Hall"

A contribution to sustainable climate protection and the reduction of energy costs in town halls by
implementing an energy-efficient lighting concept

The "Lebendige Stadt" Foundation calls on all European cities to submit applications for the creation of an energy-saving concept for the lighting of their town hall by the Foundation in cooperation with Philips GmbH. The "Lebendige Stadt" Foundation is supporting the implementation of the concept with a total sum of 150,000 euros.

Due to their inefficiency and high energy consumption, outdated lighting concepts harm our environment and cause unnecessarily high costs for operation, maintenance and servicing. This makes it more difficult to finance important public projects in the city. Overhauling of the lighting concept accompanied by the redesign of the existing lighting system is therefore an important and sustainable investment in the future.

In every city, the town hall serves as a focal point for the local population. It is generally at the heart of the city and therefore shapes its image, underpinning the identity of each individual with his or her home town. An energy efficient lighting concept can combine sustainability and vibrancy while sparing the resources of the city. At the same time, the town hall can serve as a role model by making a key contribution to sustainable climate protection and encouraging the owners of other buildings to follow suit.

Philips GmbH will develop a tailored lighting concept for the town hall of the city whose entry wins the competition. Particular importance will be attached to the use of energy-efficient and future-oriented technologies which minimize environmental impact and therefore help to spare our natural resources. The developed lighting concept will be implemented, documented and communicated as a "best practice model". With this invitation, the "Lebendige Stadt" Foundation aims to promote the awareness of both political decision-makers and local people for the importance of sustainability. The city should be prepared to co-fund the implementation of the tailored lighting concept for its town hall. The maximum sum that would be required is equivalent to the sum of 150,000 euros provided by the Foundation.

A. Details of the entrant

City/Municipality:

Contact:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

B. General Terms


1. All European cities can enter for the competition for the development of an energy efficient lighting concept for their town hall.
2. The deadline for entries is **April 30, 2008** (postmark).
3. The jury attaches particular importance to
 - the potential savings and therefore the possible relief for the civic budget
 - the existence of the financial resources to implement the lighting concept.
4. The entry form can be submitted in German or English. We regret that it will not be possible to include videos, CD-ROMs and similar media in the assessment procedure.


C. Detailed information

City/Municipality	
German state/Country	
Location	
No. of inhabitants	
Owner of the town hall	<input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Private: _____(name); <input type="checkbox"/> Public private partnership
Completion date of the town hall	
Has the town hall been converted/renovated?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, when? _____
How high is annual electricity consumption?	_____kwh
Is the town hall externally lit/illuminated?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes In what way? <input type="checkbox"/> functional <input type="checkbox"/> design-oriented
Would the city be willing to top up the funds provided by the Foundation by up to 150,000 euros?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

You can find more information on the "Lebendige Stadt" Foundation and the projects it supports on our Internet homepage at www.lebendige-stadt.de.

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