



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

### **1. Can I edit my application after submitting it?**

No, participants can only edit and save their applications prior to submission.

### **2. How do I know that the organizing committee has received my application?**

After a participant submits their proposal, they will see a notification on their personal profile, saying, "Your application has been submitted".

### **3. Where do I find the Competition materials?**

All materials with detailed information on the Competition, including the Invitation to Participate and the Terms of the Competition, are available on the official website.

### **4. Who is eligible to participate in the Competition?**

The Competition is only open to companies, individual entrepreneurs, or consortiums (i.e. associations of two or more companies as a single applicant/participant).

### **5. What are the terms of participation for foreign companies?**

Foreign companies may only enter the Competition if they join a consortium. The consortium must be headed by a company that is officially registered in the Russian Federation.

### **6. What should I include in my essay?**

The essay must describe the key ideas and approaches to developing the master plan for the Stepnoy Zay River Valley. It must not exceed 5,000 characters (including spaces).

### **7. What kind of expert team should a participant have?**

The expert team for the Competition should be assembled by the participant, based on its own experience and judgement. Any participant is free to involve guest experts at its own discretion, if it decides that additional expert evaluation is necessary for the purposes of designing the proposal.

### **8. Is the industrial area within the competition territory completely closed to the public?**

Functional planning limitations have no bearing on Competition proposals; the participants should consider the city's administration ready for negotiating with the real estate owners and adjusting the current urban planning documentation.



## **9. Should the Competition proposals be limited solely to the recreational use of the territory?**

The Invitation to Participate includes the basic territory development model, which may be reworked by the participants. There is no strict regulation of the territory's development scenarios; nevertheless, they should fall in line with the key idea and the proposal principles.

## **10. Would it be possible to move the oil extraction sites?**

As the target territory is home to several high-output oil wells, we recommend designing proposals with the idea of avoiding these sites in mind.

## **11. Would it be possible to submit a plan that covers privately owned land?**

The participants are free to include any and all land with the target territory into their Competition proposals.

## **12. What is the territory's the target user base?**

The Competition proposals must be compliant with the proposal principles, which include offering modern infrastructural solutions adapted to the demands of the various target audiences.

## **13. Would it be possible to note in the documentation which oil wells are currently in use and which are out of use?**

This information will be made available in the documentation for the Competition finalists at the second stage.

## **14. Why does the target territory need an overhaul?**

This territory is a vital part of the basic natural and recreational grid, and using it is in high demand among the Almetyevsk community, but it has poor transport connections and a sparse infrastructure. Bearing in mind the development conditions and limitations outlined in the Invitation to Participate, as well as the results of the project workshop where the people living in Almetyevsk voiced their opinions, the target territory must allow for executing various recreation scenarios that will encourage and nurture the healthy lifestyles, ecological education, creative potential, and personal growth of anyone who uses the territory.

## **15. How will the university campus project be executed?**

The campus of a Scientific Research and Learning Center is currently under construction in the south of the target territory. The Center is intended to house the Higher School of Oil, which is to be founded on the basis of the Almetyevsk State Oil Institute. The functional and planning solutions for this part of the territory will be made available in the documentation for the Competition finalists at the second stage.



## **16. Where do I find the topography underlay for the target territory?**

This information will be made available in the documentation for the Competition finalists at the second stage.

## **17. How should the participants scale their detailed concepts at the first stage?**

The proposals for first-stage planning should be based on the topography underlay that will be made available in the background documentation for the Competition finalists, at a scale of 1:5000.

## **18. How are the active oil extraction sites going to be involved in the project?**

If the participants make proposals that convincingly rationalize shutting down oil wells or moving engineering systems, the city administration and TATNEFT Group will be happy to assist with the project.

## **19. What are the strategic plans and goals for developing the target territory?**

You will find the strategic plans on developing the target territory on the almetyevsk.tatar official website, in the Invitation to Participate section.

## **20. Which projects from the application portfolio are given priority?**

Relevant projects that are currently in progress or have already been completed.

## **21. Where can I see the borders of the target territory for the first stage of the project?**

The information on the borders of the target territory for the first stage of the project will be made available in the documentation for the Competition finalists at the second stage.

## **22. Are there any plans to completely shut down the oil extraction sites within the target territory?**

No, there are no plans for shutting down all oil wells within the target territory.