

Laing O'Rourke wins £120m Yorkshire PF2 schools batch

Laing O'Rourke sees off rivals for £120m batch of privately-financed priority schools in Yorkshire

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Laing O'Rourke has won a £120m batch of privately-financed schools in Yorkshire, Building can reveal.

It is understood that Laing O'Rourke has beaten Bam Construction and Morgan Sindall to the batch of PF2 schools, which is the fourth privately-financed batch to come to market through the Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP).

The batch comprises seven schools and is worth up to £120m.

The schools in the batch are:

- All Saints Catholic College,

Huddersfield

- Belle Vue Boys' School, Bradford
- Carlton Bolling College, Bradford
- Harrogate High School, Harrogate
- Oakbank School, Keighley
- Samuel Lister Academy, Bradford
- Whitcliffe Mount Business and Enterprise College, Huddersfield

Laing O'Rourke will design, build, finance and maintain the schools under the government's new private finance model (PF2), which will use a single organisation to provide debt funding for all of the privately-financed schools batches, rather than each batch having to secure its own funding.

PF2 SCHOOLS: ROLL OF HONOUR

Hertfordshire, Luton and Reading: seven schools (£150m)

Winner Interserve and Kajima
Bidders Wates, Morgan Sindall

North-east: 12 schools (£120m)

Winner Miller Construction
Bidders Laing O'Rourke, Sir Robert McAlpine

North-west: 12 schools (£93m)

Winner Morgan Sindall and Equitix
Bidders Laing O'Rourke, Vinci Construction

Yorkshire: seven schools (£120m)

Winner Laing O'Rourke
Bidders Bam, Morgan Sindall

Midlands: eight schools (£150m)

Contractors invited to bid



Aecom's global head of engineering David Glover set to depart

Aecom's global head of engineering, who played a leading role on the consultant's Serpentine Pavilion projects, is stepping down from the firm.

The firm confirmed that David Glover, Aecom's global chief executive of building engineering, will depart at the end of October to take up the role of chief executive at Intelligent Engineering, a UK-based

firm delivering engineering products to the built environment. Aecom said Glover, who joined the company in 2011, would continue to work with the firm as a consultant. An Aecom spokesperson said: "While we will greatly miss David in his role as global head of building engineering, we are delighted to say that he will continue to work with Aecom as a

consultant. In particular, he will continue to lead Aecom's involvement in the annual Serpentine Pavilion project which is one of the most high profile projects for the firm. He will also work closely with our architecture and engineering teams in his new organisation helping to develop and deliver innovative solutions for our projects and the industry."



The bookies' favourite

The new student centre at the London School of Economics was the bookies favourite for this year's Stirling prize, ahead of the award of the prestigious architecture gong on Thursday (16 October). The Saw Swee Hock Student Centre by O'Donnell & Tuomey Architects was 11/8 favourite to win the Stirling prize, ahead of Zaha Hadid's Olympic aquatics centre and the Shard, by Renzo Piano, which are both at 7/2. The Everyman Theatre in Liverpool, designed by Haworth Tompkins, was fourth favourite, followed by outsiders the Library of Birmingham, by Mecanoo, and the Manchester School of Art, by Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios.

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