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City Hall Sets Out $5M Tender for Development Study

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Construction of housing in Kievskiy district, in the territory of New Moscow.

City Hall has announced a tender for research and analysis of New Moscow in a bid to update the capital's general development plan to include the districts added to the city in the territorial expansion of July 2012.

Moscow's Committee for Architecture and Urban Development is prepared to pay up to 162.8 million rubles ($5 million) for the work. Within 250 calendar days of signing the contract, the winner will have to survey more than one million hectares of land, the federal website for state purchases reported. The general development plan itself will focus on about 256,000 hectares.

Besides the territory of New Moscow, parts of the Moscow and Kaluga regions that abut the city limits will be included in the analysis, such as Khimki, Domededovo and Zhukov.

Bids for the tender will be accepted until Oct. 30. The winner will be declared Nov. 7.

Moscow's chief architect, Sergei Kuznetsov, said he hoped the research would improve the city's allocation of space and design, particularly as they affected Moscow's traffic problem, Interfax reported.

The current general development plan is defunct, Kuznetsov said in March, and contains numerous passages that would be impossible to implement.

In July 2012, some 148,000 hectares of land from the Moscow region, mostly to the west and the southwest of the capital, were annexed to the city and more than doubled its territory. The land brought 230,000 new citizens, an additional 2 percent to the city's population.

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