

CONDITIONS

12th Arquine International Competition ARK-Flood Observatory

Floods are natural phenomena. Their impact can come to devastate villages built in their path.

The Usumacinta Observatory will be used to study the rises in the river, define infrastructural projects to contain floods and, at the same time, provide refuge for the affected population.

The ARK should be a project that raises awareness about a reality that is as hazardous as is inevitable.

It is not foreseen that the water be retained by either dams or reservoirs.

LOCATION

USUMACINTA RIVER

- Length: 800 km
- Links and divides Mexico and Guatemala, eventually flowing into the Gulf of Mexico
- Average flow: 900 m³/s
- The only free river in Mexico (with no retaining walls, dams, dykes or swamps)

TENOSIQUE-TABASCO

- The municipality of Tenosique is located in the River Region, its municipal head town being the city of Tenosique de Pino Suárez, set in the south of the state, between 17°28.5' north and 91°25.6' west. To the north, it adjoins the municipality of Balancán, to the south the state of Chiapas and to the south and west, Guatemala and to the west the municipalities of Emiliano Zapata Tabasco and Chilón, Chiapas.

- According to the 12th INEGI General Population and Housing Census 2000, the jurisdiction of the municipality has 55,551 inhabitants, 27,060 men (48.71%) and 28,491 women (51.29%) who accounted for 2.94% of the state population, **making a population density of 26 inhabitants/sq. km.**

- The municipality of Tenosique is inhabited by 2,610 persons, the majority of whom speak Tzotzil and Chol, while the minority speak Maya and Zoque.



- The municipality of Tenosique can be reached by road, train, plane and river. Access by land is via Highway 187 of the Gulf Circuit, on the Villahermosa-Escárcega stretch (Km. 136) where the junction is located.

The highway network has only 20 kilometers of paved federal road and 351 kilometers of state road, 93 kilometers of which are paved and 257 of which are covered. It also has 48 bridges.

The main highways to the municipality include:

Villahermosa – Emiliano Zapata - Tenosique Highway.

Balancán – Tenosique Highway

Tenosique – Petén, Guatemala Highway

PROGRAM:

Wastewater Analysis and Treatment Laboratory: 45 m²

- Administrative Office: 15 m²

- Laboratory Area: 30 m²

Ecotourist Hostel 240 m²

- 10 rooms (20 beds) 150 m²

- Toilets: 40 m²

- Cafeteria: 50 m²

Water and Flood Museum: 150 m²

- Permanent and Temporary Exhibition Hall

- Stock

- Administrative Area

Flood Shelter: 400m²

- To shelter 200 persons: 300 m²

- Toilets: 40 m²

- Kitchen/Dining room 60 m²

Village Training Center

- 2 classrooms 30 m² each

MATERIAL TO BE DELIVERED

1 CD (compact disc) with:

1.- Two illustrations measuring 90 cm (high) x 60 cm (wide), that should include:

- Overall plan on a scale of 1:1000

- Plans to scale 1:250

- Sections to scale 1:250

- Descriptive text of not more than 300 words.

Two copies of the illustrations (on the CD or DVD) should be handed in, at 300 and 100 dpis. Individual files should be in .PDF (Acrobat) format and size.

2.- A .doc (Word) file including the completed format that will be provided on confirmation of enrollment.

*No other form or types of delivery of material will be accepted (USB memory, FTP, mail etc.) other than Compact Disks.

DATE AND PLACE OF DELIVERY

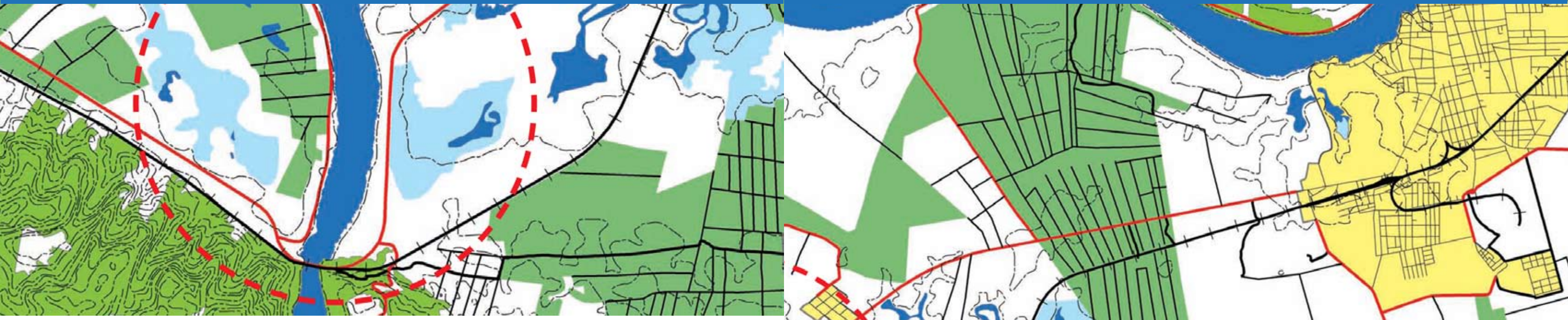
Once enrollment has been completed and confirmed, applicants will be given the address of where to send their submissions:

Delivery date: February 19 2010

Material sent via a courier service or mail will be accepted up to a week after the deadline (February 26 2010), provided the postmark indicates that it was sent no later than February 19 2010.

PERIOD OF ENROLLMENT

October 1, 2009 to February 15 2010



COSTS

- October 1 to December 21 2009
\$ 900 pesos* (Mexico), \$ 90 US dollars (International)
* Includes annual subscription the magazine in Mexico.

- December 22 2008 to February 15 2009
\$ 1,200 pesos (Mexico), \$ 120 US dollars (International)

ENROLLMENT

Register at www.arquine.com with all the necessary information, with an e-mail address where Arquine can confirm enrolment once payment has been received.

FORMS OF PAYMENT

Referenced deposit (only in Mexico) paying at any bank in the country, using the reference provided by the system.

Credit card via Paypal (only abroad) including data from any VISA or Mastercard credit card.

*Payment by credit card will not be accepted from national applicants.

PANEL

Sara Topelson de Grinberg (Mexico City. Architect. Under-Secretary of Urban Development and Territorial Arrangement of Social Development Secretariat).

Germán del Sol (Santiago de Chile. Architect. www.germandelsol.cl)

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AWARDS

1st place MX \$100,000 (Arquine)

2nd place: MX \$ 60,000

3rd place: MX \$ 30.000

IMPORTANT

- For applications sent by courier service from Mexico and abroad, the deadline will be the postmark (February 19). Submissions must not arrive after February 20 2009

- In no event will the work submitted be returned

- Work must be sent to the address provided on enrolment. No package sent to the post office will be accepted and ARQUINE will not pay for shipping and postage or customs dues.

- In order to prevent a package from being held up at customs, carry out the following instructions:

1. Place the note "Muestra sin fines comerciales" (sample with no commercial value) on a visible part of the package.

2. Do not declare a value for the package.

3. Request full information on customs due from courier service firm.

Once registered, the applicant will receive an e-mail with the data for accessing ARQUINE'S FTP and downloading information from the site: photographs, videos, plans, etc.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Only questions sent to the following e-mail address will be answered: concurso@arquine.com from November 15 to December 20, 2009.

The e-mail subject should be given as "DUDAS CONCURSO," otherwise the mail will be regarded as SPAM.

Answers to "frequently asked questions" (FAQ) will be published at www.arquine.com as of October 16 2009.



RESULTS

The panel will meet in Mexico during the Arquine 11th International Congress (March 8,9 and 10 2010) when the prizes will be awarded and the winning projects will be displayed. They will also be published on the website and in the 51st edition of Arquine magazine (June 2010).

