

## Press Release

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### **Luther wins the Innovation Prize PPP 2012 three times**

Essen – Three projects managed by Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH received the “Innovation Prize PPP 2012”: Recognized was the construction of the new Berlin-based seat of the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung – “BMBF”), the construction of the correctional facility (JVA) Bremervörde and the Parc des Sports in Differdange (Luxembourg). The price is awarded every year by the Bundesverband (Federal Association) PPP and Behörden Spiegel, an independent professional journal.

The Innovation Price PPP 2012 was awarded at the 7th Federal PPP Congress on 16 October in Berlin. The event took place under the auspice of the Parliamentary State Secretary of Finance Hartmut Koschyk. Previously, a jury of renowned administration and PPP experts had voted on all 20 submitted applications.

### **The federal government realizes the 1st civil PPP building project with Luther**

Luther advised the Federal Real Estate Agency in the structuring and execution of the tender procedure for the construction of the BMBF in Berlin. The project is the first civil PPP construction project of the federal government. The new ministerial building, which will have a gross floor space of approx. 54,000 square metres, will be built on a prominent property located east of Berlin’s central train station which borders the so-called “Spreebogen” of the River Spree and faces the Chancellor’s

Office and the Reichstag, the house of the German parliament. The turn-key transfer should take place in the fall of 2014. The contract was awarded to a bidding consortium of BAM Deutschland AG and Amber Infrastructure Ltd. The project already received the British pfi Award as European Government Accommodation Deal of the Year 2011. The jury based its decision especially on the balanced risk distribution, innovative financing elements, sustainability and energy efficiency of the building as well as participation rights of the user BMBF.

### **Luther advises construction of three PPP correctional facilities**

The PPP project construction of the correctional facility (JVA) Bremervörde was also awarded a prize. Here, Luther advised the successful bidder, BAM PPP Deutschland GmbH. It will take over planning, construction and financing of the JVA Bremervörde with 300 prison places for men and will also be responsible for several non-sovereign, operational tasks. The JVA Bremervörde is already the third PPP project in the JVA area for Luther after the JVA Burg and the regional prison in Burgdorf.

### **Luther advises on the construction of the Parc des Sports in Differdange**

The third award-winning project and the winner in the category sports arenas is the rebuilding, construction and expansion of Parc des Sports in Differdange (Luxembourg). Here, Luther advised on the awarding of all planning, construction and long-term operating performance in the context of a PPP ownership model.

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