Procedure for Submission, Review and Publication of Scientific Articles

- 1. All the articles received (including those of the members of the editorial board) are to be reviewed. The reviewer is selected by the journal's editorial board.
- 2. The reviewer is appointed from the leading experts in the field of construction and architecture (an academic degree of the reviewer is strictly required).

Co-author of the article, scientific supervisor or consultant of one of the authors may not be appointed as a reviewer.

To ensure maximum objectivity, reviewing is carried out on the basis of the "double-blind" principle, that is the author receives a review without the reviewer surname, and the surnames of the authors are not known by the reviewer.

- 3. The reviewer is obliged to review the manuscript objectively. Personal criticism is unacceptable. All the reviewer's conclusions should be proved.
- 4. In the case of receiving two negative reviews, the manuscript is no longer considered by the editorial board. All comments of the reviewer should be carefully considered by the author and taken into account when refining the article.
- 5. The editorial board informs the author about the taken decision on the publication of his/her article; the author is sent the copy of the review. A motivated refusal is sent to the author of the manuscripts unaccepted for the publication. As well upon the request the editorial board sends copies of reviews to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation.
- 6. If the article receives a negative review, the article is taken off the work. If the author disagrees with the reviewer's comments, he can write a reasoned answer (answers without justification are not considered). If the author and reviewer have a conflict, the editorial board may send the article to another reviewer in case of having considered the arguments of both sides.
- 7. A positive or negative review is not a sufficient basis for publishing or rejecting the article. The final decision on accepting the manuscript, returning it for revision, refusing to publish or sending to another reviewer is made by the editorial board.
- 8. The originals of the reviews are kept in the editorial board for five years.
- 9. Reviewers are notified that the manuscript sent is the private property of the authors and is not subject to disclosure. Reviewers are not allowed to make copies of the manuscript for their own needs.
- 10. The additional recommendations for the reviewers are outlined in the instruction for reviewer.