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### DawnTown 2007

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#### Urban age director Ricky Burdett to address the future of cities as part of "DawnTown 2007"

Ricky Burdett, a world-renowned figure in the field of urban planning and expert on the interactions among cities, society, and the environment, will headline DawnTown 2007, an annual architecture event held in Downtown Miami during Art Basel Miami Beach. Burdett, who serves as Director of the Urban Age program at the London School of Economics (LSE) and Chief Architecture Advisor for the London 2012 Olympics, and was Director of the 2006 Venice Architecture Biennale, will deliver a free public lecture on the future of cities on Friday, December 7, at 10 AM at Miami Dade College's (MDC) Chapman Conference Center in the heart of Downtown Miami.

Description The topic of Burdett's lecture will be how the shape of large cities around the world affects the lives of over three billion urban dwellers and the future of our planet as a whole, touching on how architecture affects democracy, public spaces as places of tolerance and integration, public transportation as a form of social and economic justice, and the relationships among density, urban design, good governance, and sustainability.

"Ricky Burdett's research on contemporary urban life has produced unique and important perspectives on how cities have changed and will continue to evolve throughout the 21st century," said Terry Riley, Director of the Miami Art Museum. "Anyone interested in knowing how Miami fits into this global perspective will find Burdett's presentation compelling."

Burdett's lecture will be followed by responses from Miami urban experts Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, Dean of the University of Miami School of Architecture; architect Bernard Zyscovich; and Andres Viglucci, urban affairs writer for the Miami Herald. The panelists will highlight ideas from Burdett's speech that could help Miami better plan for its future.

DawnTown 2007, presented by the Miami Art Museum, the Miami Downtown Development Authority, and Miami Dade College, and sponsored by the Knight Foundation, the City of Miami, Complot Magazine, the Urban Land Institute, and

Akerman Senterfitt, will be a rare opportunity to hear cutting-edge, global ideas in urban planning, and have those ideas applied to Miami, an international crossroad that is in the midst of Downtown revitalization.

DawnTown is an annual architecture and urban planning event that takes place in Downtown Miami during Art Basel Miami Beach. It was created to attract local and international Art Basel Miami Beach attendees who are also passionate about architecture and urban planning, and to bring the latest thinking in these fields from around the world to Downtown Miami.