



Metro 1 Announces Finalists for the Imagine, Design and Build Competition

11 teams from around the world were chosen as finalists to submit their designs for the Wynwood Gateway Park

MIAMI – (June 23, 2014) – [Metro 1](#) – Miami’s leading forward-thinking full-service real estate organization – announced today the 11 finalists invited to present their designs for the Wynwood Gateway Park. The contest that began in May, received 238 portfolio entries from 23 different countries from as far away as Bahrain, China, Iran, Spain, England, France, Montenegro, India, Italy, Mexico, Germany, Japan, Dominican Republic, Colombia and Australia.

The 11 finalists selected are:

An independent team from Miami consisting of artist [Jim Drain](#), landscape architect [Roberto Rovira](#) and architect [Nick Gelpi](#), [AGENCY Architecture LLC](#) and [Aranda/Lasch](#) from New York City, New York; [Solid Objectives - Idenburg Liu / SO-IL](#) and [stpmj](#) from Brooklyn, New York; [Meyer + Silberberg - Land Architects](#) from Berkeley, California; [SFA](#) from Madrid, Spain; [Colour: Urban Design Limited](#) and [Wayward Plants](#) from London, England, [AZC - Atelier Zundel Cristea](#) from Paris, France and [ONZ Architects](#) from Ankara, Turkey.

Participants now have 8 weeks to submit their plans for an urban park and garden on the Metro-1 developed retail complex. The winning design will be built and implemented by winter 2014 as part of Phase II of the commercial development that serves as the entryway to the vibrant Wynwood neighborhood. First place will also receive \$10,000 in prize money, second - \$5,000 and third - \$2,500. The winning design will be announced on August 29.

These finalists were chosen by esteemed panel of expert judges including: Enrique Norten – Founding Principal, TEN Arquitectos; Terrance Riley – Principal, Keenan/Riley; Former Director of Miami Art Museum and Museum of Modern Art; Raymond Jungles, ASLA – FASLA, PLA, Founding Principal of Raymond Jungles, Inc.; Allan Shulman FAIA, Principal, Shulman + Associates; James Russell, FAIA, architecture critic and journalist; Andrew Frey – Development Manager, Codina Group; Founder, DawnTown; Tony Cho – CEO and Founder, Metro 1 and Moderator- Joachim Perez, Executive Director of DawnTown.

The competition was conceived by neighborhood visionary and Metro 1 President and CEO, Tony Cho, in partnership with [DawnTown](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting architecture in Miami and [AIA Miami](#), the local chapter of The American Institute of Architects, with the goal of creating a dynamic 14,000-square-foot space that offers the local community, visitors and tourists a place to come together and enjoy the neighborhood in a public environment. It is located at 2825 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami.

“We were thrilled with the caliber and global diversity of entries,” said Cho. “It demonstrates how Miami – Wynwood in particular – continues to rise to prominence for its artistic and culturally significant identity.”

The Wynwood Gateway Park Imagine, Design and Build Competition is the latest initiative of M1 Community, Metro 1’s designated philanthropy division. Metro 1 prides itself on its commitment to corporate social responsibility through education and allocation of resources – both time and money – to making a positive impact

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on the communities it serves. For more information or to participate in future M1 Community causes, please contact Stacey Glassman at sglassman@metro1.com or call (305) 571-9991.

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Metro 1 is a forward-thinking, full-service real estate brokerage, management and development firm dedicated to providing professional real estate services for the next generation of smart and sustainable urban growth. Metro 1 was the first real estate company in Miami to focus on serving the urban core and revitalizing the communities within them. Urban revitalization is key to our mission and shaping neighborhoods and impacting community is important to us.

Metro 1 offers a full range of real estate services to a prestigious roster of clients and partners worldwide through its two subsidiary companies: Metro 1 Commercial, an elite commercial real estate brokerage, management, and development firm that provides world-class services to commercial real estate owners, investors and occupiers throughout South Florida; and Metro 1 Properties, an independent residential real estate company that offers superb expertise in residential sales, leasing and development sales.

About DawnTown:

DawnTown is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting architecture in Miami. The organization consists of a diverse group of individuals who care about the city's architectural context and serve as activists on architecture. Starting as a lecture in 2007, DawnTown has expanded to host design competitions and other interactive programming. These competitions have attracted entries from over 20 countries, allowing designers to present their visions and design possibilities for a growing city. DawnTown's mission is to strengthen the connection between Miami and innovative architecture, to showcase the city's architecture on a global scale, and to educate the public on the amazing potential the city of Miami has to offer. For more information, visit our website: www.dawntown.org.

About AIA Miami

The American Institute of Architects was created in 1857 by a group of architects in New York City. The goal of the first members was to have a place where members could meet for lectures, conventions and meetings. The original 13 have grown to nearly 300 local chapters representing 80,000 licensed architects and associated professionals. Florida's state association was formed in Jacksonville in 1912. In 1980, the Florida South Chapter changed its name to the Miami Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 1987. There are 658 members in the chapter. AIA Miami has always stressed public awareness and appreciation of architecture and its related fields. Many of our activities strive to provide a venue where the architecture profession and the general public can meet and initiate conversations which will allow Miami and the South Florida region to continue to emerge as a vibrant and diverse community, where architecture and design are play a vital role.

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