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**NEW CITY:** Architectural design projects can range from the humble house to giant office towers, sports stadiums and shopping malls.

Very occasionally, the request for a plan can be “one with everything.”

One city, that is.

A Seattle-based design team has just won a competition to design a new city in China’s Shandong province. The new city, to be called Lang Ya, covers territory the size of Vancouver, B.C., and will be built over 16 years to accommodate a population of 250,000.

Seattle architect Robert Swain and the Edge LLC consortium of which he’s a member were invited to participate in a paid competition between three firms, one Asian, one European, one American, to design a master plan for the new city. Swain’s group was picked by a group of experts from Shanghai and Beijing.

What’s next is that Swain will be invited as a foreign expert to consult on actual development of Lang Ya and other projects. Swain and Edge may also bid on specific projects such as public buildings within Lang Ya.