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David Witty, Dean of Architecture at the U of M, and architect Wins Bridgman will be among the panel judging entries.

# Ideas wanted

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**If you've got ideas, imagination and architectural savvy, Mayor Glen Murray might have \$30,000 for your bank account.**

Tossing aside traditional project bidding, the mayor is temporarily teaming with a local architectural group to offer \$55,000 in cash prizes to those coming up with the most thought-provoking designs for the east Exchange District waterfront.

"People get tired of boring public consultations," Murray said yesterday in unveiling his global-scale contest. "If you engage citizens with ideas, they'll respond with different ideas ... and raise people's expecta-

## Contest offers \$30,000

tions of what's possible."

Winners will be crowned — and cash in — on June 8 as some 500 building planners from across North America are gathered in Winnipeg for a four-day Royal Architecture Institute of Canada festival.

### Riverside development

The competition itself is open to any planner or design team who wants to toss in a bold concept for an exciting mixed-use riverside development, said local architect Michael Scatliff.

"I think it's important to note we will not be using the six-point system they use in figure skating," Scatliff

quipped of the hoped-for scandal-free showdown.

"And there's only one gold medal," Murray added.

That gold medal will amount to \$30,000, with the second-place architect receiving \$15,000 and the next best plan getting \$5,000. A special prize of \$5,000 will go to a design voted on by the public.

Titled Ideas Winnipeg 2002: City Re-emerging, the competition is aimed at attracting a rich and diverse bank of building ideas, Murray explained.

Entries will be judged by a panel of architects, landscape officials and artists, among others.