SCOTT E. ADAMS

2012 Endeavour Executive Award

Media profile

*In 2011 Melbourne ranked first out of 140 cities in terms of livability and quality of life.*

– Economist Intelligence Unit

Scott Elliott Adams, Director and co-founder at Urban Design Skills, an urban design consultancy in the UK, has received a 2012 Endeavour Executive Award to collaborate with the City of Melbourne’s City Design Directorate for the first quarter of 2012. He will contribute to the development of key urban design projects within the city.

Scott will work with the Directorate on several projects, including a long term strategy for the city’s key market, which is one of the largest in the world. The strategy aims to coordinate and facilitate the intensification of surrounding inner city neighbourhoods. The project involves working with key stakeholders and better integrating the market precinct site into the city fabric. The goal is to make the market a central neighbourhood centre and enhance its offerings, strengthening its role as a key tourist destination within the State of Victoria.

“Australian cities have grown tremendously over the past decades, particularly the City of Melbourne,” states Rob Adams, Director of City Design. “The central business district over the past decades has become a thriving success story through growing the residential population, introducing Melbourne’s famed café culture and creating places for people to simply enjoy the activity of city life. Now our opportunities will focus on enhancing the edges of city centre. Enhancing the market precinct and its surroundings is one of the city’s key priorities.”

“The Award will enable me to achieve a broader understanding of project design and delivery, especially from a client’s perspective within a dynamic public sector environment, and I will gain invaluable experience from working in a new environment within a new professional context,” Scott says.

Scott has a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from State University of New York at Buffalo, a Master of Architecture and a Master of Urban Design both from Washington University in St. Louis. As a leader in the urban design field, he has co-authored key publications including *Capacitycheck* and *Qualityreviewer*, and contributed to the development of some of the UK’s most innovative town charters and city visions, including the Harlesden Town Charter, Neisilton Renaissance Charter and York New City Beautiful Vision (see www.urbandesignskills.com).

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