The Chicago and China offices of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) have designed an urban model showcasing integrated solutions for energy, water conservation and transit systems in Beijing's Dawangjing District.

The SOM Plan introduces a sustainable "engine" in the form of a Central Park that would passively heat and cool the district. The plan won an international competition to guide Wangjing's redevelopment. The Beijing Chaoyang District Planning Bureau is the client. Philip Enquist, FAIA, Partner-in-Charge of Urban Design and Planning and Peter Ruggiero, AIA, Design Partner, led the SOM team. The team collaboration was led by Beijing R&F Properties Development Co. Ltd., E-House (China) Holdings Limited and MVA Transport Consultants.

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