

Building for Biotech



Courtesy Francis Cauffman



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Francis Cauffman has gotten the green light from the City of Newark for its design for the North American headquarters of Biotrial, a French contract research organization that supports pharmaceutical and biotech companies. Located in the city's University Heights Science Park, the first phase of the project, which is expected to break ground in spring 2013, consists of a five-story, 70,000-square-foot building. The design features metal panels that rise on two sides of the glass building and transform and flow through the lobby, becoming a ribbon that unifies the various elements. A second phase includes a small public plaza and another building that is expected to double the headquarters' size. When both phases are completed, the Biotrial facility will span an entire city block.