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**The US city of Newark has approved architecture firm Francis Cauffman's design for the new regional headquarters of French company Biotrial. Buro Happold and Davis Langdon are also on the design team.**



Biotrial is a contract research organisation that supports pharmaceutical and biotech companies. It will join other biomedical organisations and five universities in Newark's University Heights Science Park.

Francis Cauffman has completed the master plan for Biotrial and expects to break ground on Phase 1 in spring 2013. The first phase will consist of a five-story, 70,000-square-foot building. Biotrial is expected to move into its headquarters in early 2014.

The other members of the team are Buro Happold (MEP and fire protection engineer); Thornton Tomasetti (structural engineer); Sciamè (construction manager, cost estimator); David Langdon (cost estimator); Langan (site civil, traffic, and landscape architect); Genova Burns Giantomasi & Webster (land use attorney).

Francis Cauffman president James Crispino said: "Our building not only addresses Biotrial's needs but also reflects the company's values. The new headquarters will be an iconic structure that reflects the high-quality nature of Biotrial's professional service and the enduring relationships that they build with their clients."

The inspiration for the design came from the nature of Biotrial's work. Metal panels that rise on two sides of the glass building transform and flow through the lobby, becoming a ribbon that unifies the various elements. The metal panelling forms a frame intended to reflect Biotrial as a company that supports and carries forward its clients. Raised portions of the metal panels give the building a sense of movement.



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