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Métropole de Lyon and IARC unveil plans for new IARC building

After an 18-month international competitive bidding process for the design and construction of the “Nouveau Centre” (combined design-build contract) for the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the winning team has been selected by the Métropole de Lyon.

The team consists of Demathieu Bard (general contractor), Art&Build (architects), Unanime (architects), WSP (design engineering company), and Inddigo (sustainable development engineering company).

The project is managed by the Métropole de Lyon and funded by the French government, the Métropole de Lyon, the Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, and the Ville de Lyon.

The “Nouveau Centre” will be located in the Gerland area of Lyon, as part of the developing Lyon Biopôle.

The need for a new building is driven by two main factors: IARC’s ageing tower building is no longer suitable for modern research, and capacity for expansion is lacking, while IARC is growing.

The “Nouveau Centre” is a major building infrastructure project at the core of IARC’s global research mission for the next 30–50 years. The new building is an integral part of IARC’s business continuity plan, ensuring the security of its building infrastructure in the long term.

Design studies will begin in 2018, and it is anticipated that the new building will open in the first half of 2021.