

Press release

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Calgary HQ for EnCana

Foster and Partners has been selected to design a new office complex development in downtown Calgary. The EnCana New Building Project will be headquarters to Canadas leading energy company, EnCana Corporation.

Following a thorough selection process and a visit to the Foster studio, EnCana based the decision on Foster and Partners demonstration of a clear understanding and alliance with the companys values, principles, and progressive approach to issues of sustainability. Foster and Partners also offered unrivalled experience of the design of high quality, energy efficient offices and headquarters buildings, as well as the ability to achieve planning solutions through appropriate expressions of public space and civic values.

The project, located between Seventh and Fifth Avenues and spanning two city blocks, will be the first significant commercial project east of Centre Street in downtown Calgary. Locked into the fabric of the city, it will have a strong impact on the urban context. Its scope and magnitude offers a unique opportunity to set the tone of development for this emerging urban quarter - to provide a highly efficient, exemplar sustainable scheme.

We chose the signature architect based on their ability to meet EnCanas business interests and create a signature development. Foster and Partners was clearly the firm to do that, Craig Reardon, EnCana New Building Project Lead

Norman Foster said, We are thrilled to have this opportunity to meet EnCanas business objectives with the design of a new office complex - to capture the collective consciousness of Calgary and to articulate the philosophy of an ambitious and progressive tenant. We hope to set a bold precedent for high quality, environmentally sustainable development of the downtown area while responding to the civic values of the city.

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