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Morgan Sindall appointed to deliver £16 million Lowestoft headquarters for Cefas

Morgan Sindall, the construction and infrastructure company, has been appointed to deliver the new £16 million headquarters for world-leading UK marine science agency Cefas (The Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science).

The new development in Lowestoft will provide the organisation with a purpose-built, sustainable, contemporary building and refurbish their existing laboratories to bring them right up to date, enabling Cefas to continue to build on its 115-year-old globally-recognised marine science heritage.

The centre will replace existing buildings, which are proving increasingly inefficient and expensive to maintain, and help Cefas and its parent body Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) to meet rapidly changing requirements and remain at the forefront of a new century of marine science.

The new facilities will create greater opportunities for collaboration and innovation amongst the organisation's employees, local marine and research networks and the international scientific community.

Tom Karsten, Cefas Chief Executive said: "Tom Karsten, Cefas Chief Executive said: "Since 1902, Cefas has been providing UK Government with scientific evidence and advice to support the fishing industry and to ensure the sustainable use of the marine environment. I thank Defra, local Councillors and Planners for their commitment to these exciting proposals for our new Lowestoft Headquarters. This project represents a vital step in realising our vision for Cefas; to deliver world class science for the marine and freshwater environment."

Saul Humphrey, Morgan Sindall's managing director for the East of the country, said: "We're pleased and proud to have been appointed to construct this outstanding new centre. The new development will provide Cefas with the facilities to enable the agency to build upon their outstanding heritage and continue to operate at the forefront of the field as a global marine science leader.

"We look forward to working closely with Cefas and the wider project team as we deliver this important national facility."

Morgan Sindall was appointed to the scheme via the £500 million Suffolk County Council construction framework, which is a vehicle for the procurement of public sector building works and governs the procurement of a full spectrum of new build and refurbishment schemes in education, health and community across Suffolk.

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