

## DEWA awards Solar Innovation Centre contract

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Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) has awarded the consultancy services to design and supervise the construction of its new project, The Solar Innovation Centre, to Ted Jacobs Engineering Group (TJEG).

Kettle Collective will work closely with TJEG as the lead architect for the project which was launched by DEWA with support from the Dubai Supreme Council of Energy, according to a statement.

"The Solar Innovation Centre is a sustainable architecture and a value adding facility to the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park," said HE Saeed Mohammed Al Tayer, MD and CEO of DEWA.

"The landmark design celebrates the unique identity of the energy park reinforcing a sense of green Dubai as a leading example of sustainable development regionally and internationally.

"The building will be a platform to showcase the latest solar and sustainable technologies and highlights DEWA's achievements in this field," added Al Tayer.

The Solar Innovation Centre will be a main focal point for companies, researchers, university students, individuals working in the field of solar energy as well as for developers and manufacturers of clean-energy technologies. The Centre is expected to be completed by November 2015.

"We are delighted to have been selected for this project, not only because of the competition that we were up against but because of the importance of this building in the future of Dubai," said Tony Kettle, Director and Design Principal of Kettle Collective.

TJEG is a consulting engineering firm specialising in planning, design and construction of buildings in the healthcare, science and technology, and higher education sectors as well as mixed-use facilities.

