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Two Further Contracts for Edinburgh Tram Project Awarded

Following an extensive and comprehensive procurement process, **tie** limited has appointed international consultants Parsons Brinckerhoff to provide System Design Services and Steer Davies Gleave in association with Colin Buchanan to the Joint Revenue Committee Contract for the Edinburgh tram project.

Systems Design Services

Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB), which has a similar role on the Merseytram project in Liverpool, will focus on designing the systems behind the delivery of the tram project, to ensure minimal disruption for the city.

One element of the project that PB will be responsible for is the development of a detailed traffic management plan, to ensure that traffic in the city keeps moving throughout construction, and to minimise disruption on the city's roads.

PB is one of the oldest continuously operating engineering consultancies in the world and has worked on a long list of transport projects, from the design of the New York Subway in 1885, to a 285-mile high speed railway in China, a contract which the company was awarded in August 2005.

The PB team brings to Edinburgh a wealth of talent from the world's leading planning, engineering, programme and construction management firm. The, Edinburgh Tram Systems Design Services team will be led by PB Project Director, David Hutchison, one of Scotland's leading civil engineers with over 30 years experience on projects including support for Network Rail's West Coast Route Modernisation programme, Glasgow Underground modernisation and the construction of the M25.

David commented: "Our main challenge is to design a system that is in keeping with Edinburgh's status as a World Heritage Site, which respects fully the surrounding environment and how the tram interacts within it, and provides a first class transport solution for Edinburgh."

Joint Revenue Committee

Steer Davies Gleave, in association with Colin Buchanan, has been appointed to the Joint Revenue Committee (JRC) contract to develop a new passenger demand and revenue forecasting model for **tie** limited and TRANSDEV, the tram operator. **tie** and TRANSDEV share revenue risk on the tram project, and the appointment will see an independent consultancy manage revenue forecasting and revenue management. Included in the work programme is a further tranche of passenger research and detailed passenger surveys, which will be conducted over the next few months, to provide a greater understanding of the behaviour patterns of Edinburgh's travelling public.

Steer Davies Gleave has provided similar services for other notable tram projects in the UK, such as Croydon, Manchester and Liverpool, as well as worldwide projects, including the development of an integrated transport plan for Rome, featuring rail, bus, tram and metro services. The company also participated in the London 2012 Olympic bid, providing transport strategy for the games. Steer Davies Gleave currently works with the Scottish Executive on the **stepchange** project, promoting alternative travel options.

On behalf of the JRC consultancy team, Stephen Hewitt of SDG said: "Our team is very pleased to be involved in this important project and to work closely with Parsons Brinckerhoff. Our contribution will be a challenging one, to make robust forecasts of the demand for and revenue of the tram that will have the confidence of the tram operator and **tie**".

Ian Kendall, Tram Project Director of **tie** limited, commented: "With these two appointments we are bringing together a truly world-class team to partner **tie** to deliver trams to Edinburgh. The city's tram network is an important infrastructure project, and some of the world's best engineering companies have mobilised teams from all over the globe to work with us. These appointments are a further illustration of the class which is being brought to this project, and my personal commitment to delivering the best for Edinburgh."

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