

Premier Modular Awarded Multi-million Pound Contracts for HS2

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Premier Modular has been awarded multi-million pound contracts to provide project offices and welfare facilities for 15 sites that form part of the first phase of HS2 – the high-speed line which will deliver much needed rail capacity across the UK.

Awarded by Skanska Costain STRABAG Joint Venture (SCS JV), the contracts are for sites along the final 26.4km of HS2 to the southern terminus at London Euston.

Premier is delivering more than 15,000sqm of buildings made up of over 500 modules configured to SCS's precise requirements and specification. The facilities will accommodate open plan offices, meeting rooms, break-out spaces, showers, drying room, toilets, first aid room, and canteen. Each building is being installed complete with lighting, air conditioning, fire and security alarms, toilets, partitions, and doors.

The buildings will be in use for at least five years and have a number of sustainability features to minimise impact on the environment, including rainwater harvesting to provide water for site operations such as dust suppression, low energy lighting, PIR lighting sensors, low water consumption showers, dual flush toilets, and effluent tanks to minimise discharge into local drainage systems.

Some of the sites are in close proximity to existing railway lines requiring liaison with teams at Network Rail and careful logistical planning particularly for the building installation phases.

Commenting on the contract awards, John Harrison, Section Lead Construction Manager at SCS JV, said, "Premier has developed the most cost-effective building solutions that met our requirements and budget. Their team has been very flexible, adapting the designs to our changing needs, and with a strong emphasis on customer care."

David Harris, Managing Director of Premier Modular said: "We are delighted to be contributing to this important infrastructure project. As a Yorkshire business we know just how critical HS2 is to rail projects in the North and how it will help to rebalance the UK economy.

"Our aim is to provide the best quality office and welfare facilities in the construction sector. We were able to offer building solutions to SCS to suit a wide range of sites, in compliance with Building Regulations Part L and to stringent fire ratings because the facilities will be in use for at least five years. On each project we are working to short programmes and on some highly constrained sites near to live railway lines.

"We have invested £12m in our hire fleet in the last 12 months and have expanded our workforce with an additional 100 people in the same period to meet the rising demand for our building services. The scale of the HS2 projects for Premier is a significant factor in that investment."

HS2 is a new high-speed railway linking up London, the Midlands, the North and Scotland, serving over 25 stations, including eight of Britain's 10 largest cities, and connecting around 30 million people. The construction of the new railway is split into three phases, with Phase One linking London and the West Midlands.

SCS JV's contract will involve the construction of a variety of structures and 21km of the line will be in a tunnel created using six tunnel boring machines.

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