

SBB STREET LIGHTING (SUNDERLAND) LIMITED

Introduction

Balfour Beatty is promoter/developer of and 100% investor in SBB Street Lighting (Sunderland) Limited, which has been awarded the PFI Concession to design, finance, provide and maintain the street lighting and highway signs in the City of Sunderland for the next 25 years. The project is the largest street lighting scheme let to date and achieved financial close on the 12th August 2003 with Services commencing two weeks later on the 1st September 2003.

Project description

The existing inventory comprises of 45,000 street lights and 13,600 highway signs, bollards and subway lights. During the first 5 years of the project 35,000 of the existing columns will be replaced along with the installation of some 3,500 additional columns needed to achieve the specified lighting levels.

Contractual arrangements

The Project Agreement is between SBB and the City of Sunderland and sets out the obligations of both parties, in relation to the Project. These obligations include the design and maintenance of the Street Lighting and Highway signs throughout the concession period to specified minimum standards and within given time-scales, and the maintaining of records so that SBB's performance can be monitored. If the required performance levels are not met then SBB may be subjected to various penalties.

SBB has in turn contracted the majority of its responsibilities to Sunderland Streetlighting Limited, which is a subsidiary of Balfour Beatty Power Networks, which will be trading under the name of Aurora.



Penshaw Monument

All the existing workforce were transferred under TUPE from the City of Sunderland directly into Aurora and their knowledge and skills will be a major asset in making the project a success. They are all based in a new facility set up by Aurora to provide management and administrative facilities together with a warehouse and depot.