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Following a successful existing collaboration, the City of London Corporation has awarded an extensive high-level cleaning contract to project development and construction group Skanska.

The contract, which will be delivered by specialist services provider Premier Technical Services Group PLC (PTSG), consists of a large scale high-level cleaning contract, involving some of the capital’s most iconic buildings.

PTSG will undertake gutter cleaning at 430 sites across the City of London district. The works will incorporate a range of high-level access methods, including abseiling, MEWP and rope access to reach the most challenging areas of the buildings. Much of the cleaning will be performed by operatives using skyvacs to carefully clean gutters and downpipes, removing any debris that has built-up over time.

Skanska and PTSG have worked collaboratively for a number of years and enjoy an exceptional partnership working ethos, as PTSG’s Andrew Dack explains:

“Skanska has selected PTSG to work on several of its high-profile FM contracts and continues to work with us as a result of our commitment to providing outstanding customer service. We are able to offer a fast-acting, flexible and in-depth provision of multiple niche services, all planned and delivered collaboratively to meet the client’s needs.”

“Blocked guttering is a leading cause of flood damage, damp and water ingress, and for organisations such as the City of London Corporation, the costs of repairs to such high-profile structures could be astronomical. PTSG is a trusted provider of all types of high-level cleaning and we work closely with clients to maintain their facilities and deliver real cost-saving maintenance services.”

The scheme forms part of the City Corporation’s £4.6M 5-year mechanical and electrical maintenance contract with Skanska, which also sees PTSG’s Building Access Specialists and Electrical Services divisions work in harmony to deliver a range of specialist services, including electrical fixed-wire testing, PATs, fall arrest testing and lighting protection services. All services will be delivered annually by a dedicated operations team, which will focus solely on works on behalf of the City Corporation.

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Ben Lowles, Procurement Manager for Skanska, said: "We are pleased to announce the award of additional gutter cleaning services to our significant FM contract with the City of London Corporation. The contract is the latest addition to our impressive portfolio of FM sector clients. We will work in synergy with PTSG, using new innovations and ideas whenever possible, to deliver a world-class service on this prestigious collection of iconic buildings."

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The City of London Corporation has a diverse portfolio of properties, including Mansion House, the Old Bailey, the Guildhall, London Wall and the Barbican. PTSG has provided specialist services for the contract since July 2017, and will begin its gutter cleaning services in December 2017.

Ben added: "We have chosen PTSG as the contractor on this scheme as we trust the company's ability to deliver services safely and efficiently for our clients. PTSG's teams work with outstanding customer-focus and attention-to-detail, so we know City of London Corporation's assets are in safe hands. The collaborative manner of our working methods is what makes our partnership such a success, and this will be imperative to the completion of this scheme.

"We look forward to working with the City of London Corporation to deliver these essential maintenance services to some of the capital's most famous and iconic buildings. The works will provide valuable improvements to the facilities which are widely used by local communities and tourists alike."