

# MRT Corp to call for tenders worth RM15b

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) is expected to call for tenders for 18 elevated civil, station and depot work packages worth around RM15 billion for the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT) Sungai Buloh-Kajang line in the first half of this year, people close to the company said.

The value is for the first phase of the project involving some 20 kilometres between Maluri and Kajang, a source said.

Some 28 companies have been pre-qualified to bid for the jobs. They include Sunway, IJM Corp Bhd, Malaysian Resources Corp Bhd, Gadang Holdings Bhd, Muhibbah Engineering Bhd, Mudajaya Corp Bhd, MTD, Loh & Loh Corp Bhd, Fajarbaru Builder Group Bhd, WCT Bhd, TRS, Ahmad Zaki Resources Bhd, Naim Engineering Sdn Bhd and Pembinaan Mitrajaya Sdn Bhd.

Of the 18 packages, there are eight packages each for elevated civil and station works, and two packages for depot. These packages are divided into two categories – the open category and the Bumi-putera category.

The source said tenders for phase two of the KVMRT project will be

called in the second half of 2012, also valued at about RM15 billion.

“MRT Corp is trying to finish awarding the jobs within this year. The company is expected to raise bonds soon for the award of some jobs,” the source told Business Times.

MRT Corp, set up under the Ministry of Finance, is the MRT project owner and MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd is the project delivery partner (PDP).

The MRT, which is expected to cost about RM50 billion, is a proposed electrified passenger rail line running from Sungai Buloh to Kajang that will consist of high capacity trains running on a dedicated electrified track.

The line will start from Sungai Buloh cutting through the Kuala Lumpur city centre to Kajang in a distance of 51km, comprising a 9.5km underground tunnel between Jalan Semantan to Maluri. The KVMRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang line is set to be completed by July 2017.

Business Times reported late last year that there are five contenders for the underground tunnelling works worth an estimated RM9 billion to RM12 billion.

They are Gamuda-MMC Corp, Gadang-Hyundai, China's Sinohydro Group, China Railway Corp and Japan's Taisei Corp.

The source said MRT Corp is likely to spend around RM10 billion for system works and rolling stocks. **By Sharen Kaur**



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