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OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND: Project will boost construction sector earnings, says CEO

KUALA LUMPUR

MRT Corporation (MRT Corp) is confident that construction work packages for the Sungai Buloh-Kajang line will provide a boost to earnings to the construction sector in 2012. There are still over 80 work packages up for tender, from the total of 90.

"MRT Corp is optimistic that as the My Rapid Transit (MRT) project moves from the initial planning to implementation stage, the construction sector will benefit from the various opportunities available in ground works, M&E, ICT systems, viaducts, stations and many others," said MRT Corp chief executive officer Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid.

"Our aim is to raise awareness and interest in the amount of work available in the MRT project, and to en-

gage the contractors in the best possible manner to share the project's work progress. Let me state unequivocally that MRT Corp would like all qualified contractors, especially Bumiputera contractors, to take part in the transparent and open tender process to bid for the many work packages that are being made available."

Based on infrastructure projects of this type and magnitude, the government estimates the construction multiplier impact will be in the region of 2.5 times which translates to approximately RM213 billion flowing into the economy till 2020. This is based on the impact of mon-

ey going into the economy from the construction of the three MRT lines, the stations and the rolling stock.

"By publically announcing the tender and award schedule for the various work packages, MRT Corp believes it will dispel any perceptions that the call and award of tenders are being conducted under a veil of secrecy. Let it not be said that we have not reached out and made information available for the benefit of these contractors, especially Bumi-

putera companies. It is our intention that all work packages will be subject to competitive bidding. All bidders will be given the same project in-

formation and evaluated on the same basis, i.e. technical, track record and financial terms."

It has been previously announced by the government that 43 per cent of the value of construction work for the MRT project will be allocated on merit to Bumiputera contractors.

"I would like to strongly encourage all contractors to take the effort and prepare their bids for timely submission. Allow me to reiterate our commitment to transparency and open tenders for the construction of the MRT. Rest assured, we will closely scrutinise all costs and delivery of this crucial national infrastructure project for the benefit of the Malaysian public. Any feedback can be emailed to feedback@kvmrt.com.my," said Azhar.

(Graphics on MRT construction packages and timeline can be viewed at www.btimes.com.my)

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