

MMC-Gamuda **wins** biggest job in MRT project

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KUALA LUMPUR: MMC Corp Bhd and Gamuda Bhd have won a RM8.2 billion contract from Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) to provide underground works for the MY Rapid Transit (MRT) Sungai Buloh-Kajang line.

It is the single largest package of the project.

MRT Corp said the MMC-Gamuda JV offered the most competitive price at RM8.2 billion, ahead of four other bidders, to design and build the 9.5km MRT underground tunnel and seven underground stations.

The package accounts for 30% to 40% of the total cost.

The other bidders were Hyundai-Gadang-Chengal Jaya JV, Taisei Corp, Sinohydro Group Ltd and China Railway Group Ltd.

"The final evaluation showed that the MMC-Gamuda JV was the best evaluated tenderer that offered the technical criteria and the best bid, which was 3.4% lower than the second lowest offer," said MRT Corp in a statement yesterday.

The MMC-Gamuda JV stood out because of its past experience in handling underground works in the same ground conditions and for putting together the same team which handled the Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel (SMART) project in Kuala Lumpur, it said.

The decision was made at a One Stop Procurement Committee meeting chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak in Parliament on Monday.

Work is expected to start as early as the second quarter of 2012, while the completion date has been set for June 2017.