

31 firms qualify to tender for jobs worth RM791m

KUALA LUMPUR: Thirty-one companies have been pre-qualified to tender for five systems works packages valued at RM791 million for the country's Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) rail project.

The tenders for the project, linking Sungai Buloh and Kajang, opened last week and will close in July and August.

They include the alignment's telecommunication system as well as the automated fare collection (AFC) system.

The 31 local and international companies were selected from a pool of 76 firms.

They include names like Siemens Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Alcatel-Lucent Malaysia Sdn Bhd, CMCE-Thales consortium and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd.

"The large interest is expected given the stature of this project. However, after a fair, transparent and rigorous pre-qualifying process, we have selected these



companies, whom we believe will be able to provide the project the right input," Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid, chief executive officer of MRT Corp Sdn Bhd, said in a press release on Saturday.

All tenders will close on July 23, except for that of the telecommunication system and AFC system, which close on August 6.

The MRT is a new rail transport system for the Klang Valley. The Sungai Buloh-Kajang line, which stretches for 51 kilometres, will have 31 stations and serve 1.2 million people along the route upon its completion.