

MRT makes public tender evaluation process for KVMRT

KUALA LUMPUR: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) made public their tender evaluation process for the acquisition of the rolling stock of Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT) line.

The move was made in view of the high level of interest in the bid, and also in line with the company's emphasis on transparency for its procurement process.

MRT Corp chief executive officer Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid said by revealing the criteria the government has imposed, Malaysians will be able to see that stringent steps are being taken to ensure that the best companies are selected to supply the electric trains for MRT line.

"Although unprecedented, this transparent move by MRT Corp shouldn't be considered out of the ordinary. We have always maintained that there is absolute transparency in our processes, and by making the evaluation process public, the rakyat can see for themselves

how objective it really is," he said.

Azhar said that when tenders close on June 11, all bidders will be subjected to a four-stage evaluation process. Bidders must get through one stage to qualify for the next one.

The most basic stage is Stage 1, which involves evaluation on the completeness of basic documents as specified in the tender documents. If a bidder qualifies, the bid is then evaluated at Stage 2.

In Stage 2, several criteria are assessed which are technical solution and competence, reconfirmation of financial strength, as declared during the pre-qualification stage, and legal evaluation. At this stage, the first item on the list is actually the bidder's experience on similar projects using driverless trains.

As for legal evaluation, Azhar explained that MRT Corp will look out for companies that may have been taken to court for non-performance of their products, or non-delivery of

their contracts. In the event of the existence of such legal cases, these case files need to be studied to ensure MRT Corp reaches a decision informed and backed up by facts.

Companies that get through then go on to Stage 3, where the commercial package and their proposal for the mandatory off-set programme is evaluated.

Azhar said the off-set programme is important to ensure Malaysian companies benefit from this project, either through opening of new markets for them, technology transfer or even the creation of a local facility to deliver the rolling stock.

The final hurdle is Stage 4, where the best evaluated tender is determined through the combined results of the technical, commercial and off-set programme evaluations. Each criterion is given particular weightage, with the technical criterion carrying the highest weightage.