

MRT receives three bids to supply rolling stocks

KUALA LUMPUR: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation (MRT Corp) has received bids from three companies to supply rolling stocks for the 51km Sg Buloh-Kajang line, worth about RM1.6 billion.

Chief executive officer Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid said the companies were Changchun Railways Vehicle Co Ltd, Siemens SMH Rail Consortium and CSR Zhuzhou Electric Locomotive Co Ltd.

Kawasaki Heavy Industries Rolling Stock Co and Bombardier Transportation did not submit any bids, while Hyundai Rotem Company pulled out from the tender.

"The bids will now be assessed in a four-stage process as we announced last week. We expect to award the tender by end-July," he said in a statement.

Last week, MRT Corp disclosed a stringent and comprehensive evaluation process for the rolling stock tenders.

Azhar said the company was also considering the possibility of standardising the rolling stocks for future MRT projects in the Klang Valley.

"Familiarity with the system, planning for stocks of spare parts and equipment and inter-usability with other lines are among the benefits of using the same rolling stocks across all MRT lines in Kuala Lumpur.

"We will seriously look into this if and when we are mandated with delivering future lines," he said.

Meanwhile, three other tenders were also closed yesterday, namely depot equipment and maintenance vehicles, platform screen doors, and signalling and train systems.

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