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RECIPIENTS of several contracts worth RM2.5 billion to build the 51km Sungai Buloh-Kajang My Rapid Transit project will be known today.

Business Times understands that the contracts are for the supply of train sets, track works, signaling, power supply and depot equipment.

The biggest award would be for the supply of 58 sets of four-car trains worth about RM1.3 billion.

The contract had three bidders - Changchun Railways Vehicles Co Ltd, CSR Zhuzhou Electric Locomotive Co Ltd and Siemens-SMH Rail Consortium.

Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) chief executive Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid recently said it had completed the evaluation of the bids.

Its budget for the contract was RM1.55 billion.

Sources familiar with the matter said the front-runner for the job to supply the trains is Siemens-SMH Rail Consortium.

"We do not think the Chinese companies would get the job, though they offered a lower

price and one firm said it would set up a manufacturing facilities in Batu Gajah, Perak," a source said.

The source said track works worth about RM500 million may be awarded to a joint venture between a Japanese company and DRB-HICOM Bhd.

"For the signaling contract, we expect Siemens or Bombardier Inc to get the job. The contract should be worth about RM300 million," the source said.

He said for the estimated RM200 million to RM250 million power supply contract, MRT Corp may award it to Japan's Meidensha Corp, which produces power generators and water treatment systems.

The final contract, worth about RM150 million, is for depot equipment and the winner could be a joint venture between a Chinese firm and George Kent-Lion Pacific, the source said.

"As of now, this is the status of the five awards. More awards are expected soon," he said.

The source said the foreign parties who may win the contracts have transfer of technology and local participation, as stipulated by Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology.

So far, MRT Corp has awarded 40 of the total 85 contract packages for the Sungai Buloh-Kajang MRT, worth a combined RM16 billion.