

MRT Corp awards 45% work contracts to Bumi companies

Contracts to the value of RM8.8b awarded so far to Bumiputera contractors, says MRT director

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MRT Corp has awarded 45% of the total value of work contracts that it has parcelled out so far on the mass rapid transit (MRT) Sungai Buloh-Kajang rail line to Bumiputera companies.

Director of Stakeholders and Land

Relations Haris Fadzilah said this exceeded the company's target to award 43% for the packages and on track to effectively implement its Bumiputera agenda for the project.

"To date, contracts to the value of RM8.82 billion have been awarded to Bumiputera contractors and this amounts to 45% of the total value of contracts awarded thus far," Haris said at a media briefing in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

He said that 53 of the 85 MRT work packages have been awarded to date, with a total value of RM19.8 billion. Another RM321 million worth of

packages are yet to be awarded to Bumiputera companies.

Last month, MRT Corp awarded three systems work packages with a total value of RM107.3 million to a joint venture between AFS Engineering (M) Sdn Bhd and ST Electronics Ltd for the supply of supervisory control and data acquisition facility (Scada) worth RM23.24 million.

It also awarded the electronic access control system contract worth RM41.04 million to Apex Communication Sdn Bhd and Johnson Controls (M) Sdn Bhd.

The building management system

work package valued at RM43.04 million was awarded to Metronic Engineering Sdn Bhd.

Haris said all Bumiputera work packages are subjected to competitive bidding and all bidders were given the same project information and evaluated on the same basis.

Prior to securing contracts, companies have to satisfy stringent evaluation criteria to ensure companies with extensive experience and technical know-how were picked.

"In terms of the evaluation process, the One Stop Procurement Committee

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Haris Fadzilah (left) and MRT Corp Strategic Communications and PR director Amir Mahmood Razak at the company press conference on the Project's Bumiputera Agenda in Taman Tun Dr Ismail, Kuala Lumpur

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(OSPC) looks at various factors including technical capabilities, track record and financial strength.

"Key to this is to find a fit that will ensure the project gets the best technical input from a capable contractor, while maintaining costs," Haris said.

He said the OSPC is chaired

by the secretary-general to the Treasury for contract valued less than RM50 million, and for contracts valued between RM50 million and RM300 million the committee will be chaired by the minister of finance II.

Contracts worth more than RM300 million will be chaired by the prime minister, who is also finance minister.