

MRT Corp awards jobs worth RM1.4b for SSP Line

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MASS Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) has awarded three work package contracts worth RM1.38 billion for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line.

The awards, which include two system work packages and one advance work package, were made following a one-stop procurement committee meeting chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak.

With the latest work packages awarded, a total of four viaduct work packages, four system work packages and one underground work package have been awarded.

MRT Corp in a statement said system work package SY205 for the engineering,



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Foreign companies hoping to bid for work on the SSP Line will need to have a JVCo with a local company, with no less than 30% of the work to be undertaken by the latter, says Shahril

procurement, construction, testing and commissioning of

power supply and distribution system for the SSP Line was awarded to Colas Rail Consortium. It said the price of the contract was RM693.03 million.

The second system work package was SY206 for the engineering, procurement, construction, testing and commissioning of communications, government integrated radio network, commercial telecom (infra) and information technology system for the SSP Line, which was awarded to Sapura-EVD Consortium. The contract is worth RM632 million.

Sapura-EVD Consortium is a 100% local company and a Bumiputera-led consortium.

Meanwhile, SN Akmida Holdings Sdn Bhd was the successful tenderer for the

advance work package for the construction and completion of Sungai Besi Police Quarters and other associated works. The contract price was RM59.5 million.

"The change in the requirement for the MRT SSP Line requires foreign companies to work together with local companies, instead of just sourcing materials as we want local companies to actively participate in the MRT project, further encouraging knowledge transfer into our economy," said MRT Corp CEO Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar.

He said MRT Corp encourages Malaysian companies with 100% local content to participate in the MRT project by virtue of these requirements.

He said joint-venture com-

panies (JVcos) with 100% local content will have a competitive edge, including receiving additional points in the evaluation.

"For foreign companies to qualify to participate in the bidding process, they would need to prove in their tender that there exists a JVCo with a local company, with a weightage of the work undertaken by the local company to be no less than 30%," he said.

In the first MRT project, the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line, foreign companies tendering for the project would need to source at least 30% of their parts from local companies, but the local content was not required to be based on a joint venture with the foreign work package contractor, he said.