

MRT awards RM1b work package to China's CCC, George Kent JV



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KUALA LUMPUR: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd has awarded a RM1.01bil work package for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line to a joint venture between a Chinese company and George Kent.

It said on Wednesday the China Communications Construction Company Ltd holds a 51% stake in JV and George Kent the remaining 49%. The work package are for trackworks, maintenance vehicles and work trains.

Package SSP-SY-204, for the engineering, procurement, construction, testing and commissioning of trackworks, maintenance vehicles and works trains was awarded after a meeting by the one-stop procurement committee (OSPC) chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak.

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Shahril said the successful tenderer was selected on the basis of the best evaluated tender, which means the successful tenderer may not have quoted the lowest price.

“However, for this work package, I am pleased to announce that the successful tenderer had quoted the lowest price,” he said.

He also said China Communications Construction has very good technical know-how having handled many infrastructure projects, including railway construction.

“Its joint venture with Malaysian company George Kent, which now has a strong presence in the railway industry in Malaysia, allows the MRT Project to benefit from the experience of these two very strong companies,” he said.

Shahril said the joint venture, which was one of seven tenderers, fared very well in the technical portion of the evaluation.

Among the criteria for technical evaluation were compliance with specifications required by MRT Corp, proposed solutions, performance level, track record, works programmes and compliance with key dates, project execution plan, maintenance plan, quality and site safety, health and environment assurance.

Shahril said under the SSP Line, all systems work package contractors will have to ensure that 35% of the works to be done will be awarded to Bumiputera companies.

“This is an increase from the systems contracts for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line where it was 30%,” he said.

With this award, MRT Corp has handed out 22 work packages for the construction of the SSP Line. They comprise eight advance work packages, four viaduct packages, one underground works package, six systems work packages, two designated supplier work packages and one depot work package.

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