

Alstom, Kawasaki bid for Mumbai Metro-III trains

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Mumbai: International players like Alstom, Kawasaki and Mitsubishi have come forward to supply rolling stock to Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) for its Mumbai Metro-III between Cuffe Parade and Aarey Milk Colony.

On Tuesday, MMRC received bids from European, Japanese, Chinese and Indian private companies. These submissions will now be scrutinised for short-listing of companies. The consortiums or companies which have

shown interest in the project are Alston Transport India-Alstom Transport SA France, Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles or CAF SA from Spain, CRRC Nanjing-CRRC Changchun-CRRC International Corporation from China, Hitachi, Kawasaki Heavy Industries and Mitsubishi Corporation from Japan along with India's BHEL.

As per the contract, a total of 31 trains having six coaches each will be supplied for the 33.5-km long underground metro route. The bid worth approximately Rs 2,200 crore is likely to be finalised in next couple of months.

For Ahmedabad Metro Rail, procurement of rolling stock was done at a cost of just over Rs 11 crore per coach.

MMRC will be procuring standard gauge (1435 mm) train system. The train cars will be 22.6-metre-long and 3.2-metre-wide with four gates per train.

The pre-qualification (PQ) bids were invited following procurement guidelines of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) which is funding 57% of project cost. The PQ applications were received and opened on Tuesday.

Commenting on the bids received from companies, director (projects) and acting managing director MMRC S K Gupta said, "In order to cater to heavy passenger loads, the state-of-the-art rolling stock will be procured, which will also be equipped with the features of driver-less train operations."



ROLLING STOCK

■ The capacity will be increased from six coaches each train planned now to eight at a later stage

■ The contract includes design, manufacture, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of metros