

Three firms bid to build first stretch of phase-2 metro

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Chennai: Three construction firms, including a consortium, have bid for the construction of the first stretch of the 119km phase-2 metro rail project from Power House to Porur junction covering 7.9km.

Sources said Hindustan Construction Company Ltd-KEC International (HCC-KEC) JV, Larsen and Toubro Ltd and NCC Ltd have submitted bids for the construction of an elevated line, as CMRL opened technical bids to reveal the bidders on Tuesday. The 119km phase-2 has three corridors to be covered by 128 stations.

The 7.9km stretch from Power House in Kodam-

bakkam to Porur Junction covers a portion of two corridors in the phase with nine stations.

While four stations from Power House, Vadapalani, Saligramam and Avichi School are part of the 26km corridor 4 from Lighthouse to Poonamallee line, the remaining five stations from Alwarthirunagar, Valsaravakkam, Karambakkam, Alapakkam junction to Porur junction, will be interchange stations linking corridors 4 and 5 through double-decker lines.

Officials said once the bids undergo technical evaluation, financial bids will be opened to find the lowest bidder who may be chosen as the contractor.