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COASTAL RECLAMATION JOB ONLY TO FOUR FIRMS

KANGAR, Aug 13 (Bernama) -- Only four companies will be awarded contracts to undertake coastal reclamation work in Perlis out of 13 firms bidding for the project, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said today.

He said the contracts would be given based on the seriousness shown by the companies since tenders were invited from the private sector.

He refused to disclose the successful bidders for the project as the matter would be discussed at the State Executive Council meeting tomorrow.

The position of nine other companies were unclear and as such, it was difficult for the state government to assess whether the firms were still keen on the project or otherwise, he told reporters, here.

Thirteen companies signed the Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with the state government for the project witnessed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during his visit to Perlis on April 12.

Under the contract, the companies would be given the concession to reclaim and develop about 2,600 hectares of coastal area.

The reclaimed area would be developed for commercial activities, small-and medium-scale industries, hotels, housing, jetty and a marina, he added. -- BERNAMA

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