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FOUR OF MSC FLAGSHIP PROJECTS TO COST RM1.6 BILLION, SAYS MDC BOSS

KUALA LUMPUR, July 26 (Bernama) -- The first four of the seven Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) flagship application pilot projects are estimated to cost RM1.6 billion.

The estimated costs could however change based on the submission of proposals by companies or consortia bidding for the 15 pilot projects, Multimedia Development Corporation (MDC) executive chairman Tan Sri Dr Othman Yeop Abdullah said today.

He told reporters this after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad launched the MSC Concept Request For Proposals (CRFP), here today.

Of the 15 pilot projects, five each would be for electronic government and smart schools respectively, four for telemedicine and one, multipurpose card.

With the launching of the CRFPs, Dr Othman said local and international consortia could now start proposing the best solutions for the pilot projects.

He said the CRFPs were developed by MDC with the help of government agencies and experts from world-class companies.

They would provide greater flexibility for consortia and private sector companies to innovate and deliver the best solutions for all the projects.

Asked on the selection process, Dr Othman said MDC and the lead agencies would select the best solutions based on the proposals.

"We would encourage merger among the companies," he said.

For instance, he said the Smart Schools Task Force will pre-select the best-of-breed solutions for each of the five CRFPs independently.

It would then encourage the local and international consortium chosen to merge the Smart School pilot applications into a single intergrated solution.

He said the selection process would be completed by year end and the pilot projects are due for completion in the year 2000. -- BERNAMA

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