

Dalekovod has been awarded a contract under the law

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Zagreb Company Dalekovod has been awarded a contract valued at 555.9 million kunas for invitation to tender issued by the investor Rijeka-Zagreb Motorway for selection of a contractor for the second phase of providing and installing equipment for 11 tunnels on the section ranging from Kikovice to Stara Sušica on the Rijeka-Zagreb Motorway. Along with Dalekovod's bid, bids of Končar Inženjering and Austrian Strabeg companies have also arrived and the investor has selected Dalekovod as the most favorable bidder. Although the people in charge of Dalekovod argue that the awarded contract is legally irrefutable, they are not eager to celebrate the above award as they are waiting for the proceedings to end, which were originally instituted when Strabag lodged a complaint along with an explanation that the price of their bid was lower by 26 million kunas. Information about Dalekovod's take-off on the domestic market has leaked out into the business community. The information had been under a certain embargo until the investor should decide on the objections filed pursuant to the Public Procurement Act. Besides, as an appeal to the Resolution of the National Commission of Control of Public Procurement Procedures has been anticipated, it has been already known that the procedure will last for a while. Despite the fact that the Strabag's dispute with the investor shall be dealt with and solved by Public Procurement Institutions, Strabag has meanwhile invented a new tool, i.e. required support from the Prime Minister, Ivo Sanader, with a view of ensuring alleged better observance of invitation to tender rules. The story presented in such a way by the media has been commented by the people in charge of Rijeka-Zagreb Motorway with a huge surprise. "Public Procurement Procedure has been fully implemented pursuant to the Public Procurement Act. The same Act provides legal protection to all participants in the bidding procedure and all complaints, if any, shall be solved in compliance with the prescribed procedure, which is, in this case, still in process. Therefore, in compliance with the legal regulations, we cannot bring out any particulars at the moment", argue the persons in charge of the company and point out that Strabag, as one of their most significant partners, has been engaged on that motorway since 1998.