



# News Release

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## PORT INSPECTS USED CRANE IN SINGAPORE

The Port Authority of Guam has sent a team of three, including a planner, the head of the maintenance division and a board member familiar with heavy equipment, to perform an on-site inspection of a used mobile harbor crane. The crane will be used as an interim replacement for Gantry 1, which was decommissioned in March.

Joining the Port team in Singapore are representatives from TG Engineers and Liftech Consultants, a world-renowned crane consultant company. An evaluation of the crane's specifications and cost has preliminarily revealed that the crane would be suitable for Guam's use. The crane is one of two that was submitted in response to an Invitation to Bid issued in July. The cost of the crane is about \$3.5 million.

"The Port Authority of Guam has a team on the ground in Singapore right now, and they will be joined by experts in the crane field to ensure that the crane meets the immediate needs of our island," Port General Manager Joe Duenas said. Duenas said that the used mobile crane is an interim measure, until the port secures a new gantry crane.

If all goes well with the physical inspection, the Port could have the crane in transit to Guam within a few weeks. Once the Port has its new gantry on line, the crane could be sold if it is determined it is no longer needed.

At the same time, the Port is currently finalizing a Multi-Step Bid for a new gantry crane. The bid will be flexible enough to allow for the option of purchasing two new gantry cranes and for manufacturer financing. The Port is in the final stages of finalizing a \$2 million direct loan from the USDA and a \$5 million USDA guaranteed loan, through a local bank, to purchase the crane.

"If everything continues to move forward at this pace, we could have the mobile crane on Guam by the end of the year," Duenas said.

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