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PORT NEARS MAJOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

The Port's aging cargo handling equipment problems will soon be a thing of the past. According to Port Authority General Manager Joe Duenas, the Port has made significant progress in its crane acquisition plan. "We are moving forward expeditiously to acquire an interim crane and up to two new gantry cranes. If everything continues moving forward at this pace, we could have a used crane on order within two weeks, and we will have a bid advertised for up to two new gantry cranes within the two-week time frame as well."

The Port Authority of Guam is currently evaluating Bid submissions for a Mobile Harbor Crane. The Crane would be used as an interim replacement for Gantry 1, which was decommissioned in March.

Through its consultant TG Engineers, the Port has acquired the services of world renowned crane consultant Liftech Consultants Inc. to assist the Port in evaluating the technical specifications of the used crane as well as the infrastructure requirements needed to safely operate the crane on Guam. After an evaluation is complete, a team will visit the crane on site to physically inspect it before purchase. If the evaluations are satisfactory, the Port can have the interim crane on order in about two 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.

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At the direction of the Port Board of Directors, Liftech has also been retained to assist in the evaluation process of the new crane, as well as for construction management services. It is expected that the Multi-Step Bid will be issued within the upcoming week. According to Duenas the assistance of Liftech is a necessary safeguard to ensure that the Port has the technical expertise throughout the entire crane acquisition and installation process.

“I have been given specific instructions by both the Governor and the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors to work diligently and expeditiously on the acquisition of cranes, and that has what we have been doing. There is recognition that the equipment has aged, and we are proactively addressing this concern head on,” Duenas said.

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