



# News Release

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## **PORT ISSUES INVITATION FOR NEW GANTRY CRANE BIDS**

The Port Authority of Guam has issued a multi-step bid invitation (IFB) to replace aging gantry cranes on its docks. The IFB asks for a bid for at least one brand new dockside container handling crane, with an option to provide a bid for a second crane and for manufacturer financing. The announcement can be viewed on the Port Authority of Guam's website at [www.portofguam.com](http://www.portofguam.com) and the American Association of Port Authorities' website at [www.aapa-ports.org](http://www.aapa-ports.org).

The specifications for the new crane were developed by Liftech Consultants, a world renowned crane consultant company. The specifications take into account current Port operations and foreseeable future needs of Port customers. According to Port General Manager, Joe Duenas, "An additional effort was made to solicit the input and concerns of the Port customers. All input given by the Port customers was given and will continue to be given serious consideration."

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. Final approval of the loans is expected by the end of the month.

A three member team from the Port, along with representatives from Liftech and T.G. Engineering, has also just returned from Singapore where they completed an inspection of a mobile harbor crane. The crane will be used as an interim replacement for Gantry 1, which was decommissioned in March.

The team has reported that crane is in good condition. A notice of intent to award has been issued to Mid-Pac Far East for the purchase of the used crane. "Barring any unforeseen obstacles with the vendor, the Port is expected to finalize the purchase of the crane within 14 days, subject to the completion of contract details," Duenas said.