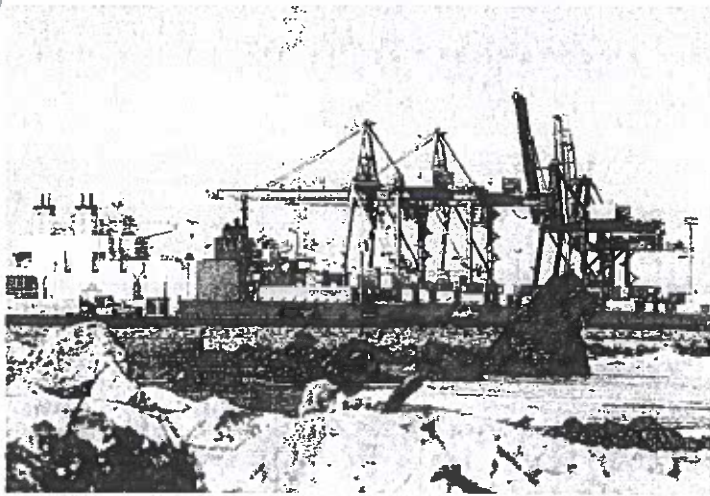


# Report: Port's old cranes need replacement



PORT: Gantry cranes offload containers from a ship at the Port Authority of Guam on Feb. 15. Dontana Keraskes/The Guam Daily Post

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It will cost the Port Authority of Guam \$8 million to replace a 30-year-old gantry crane about 13 years ahead of schedule, according to the governor's transition committee.

The transition report referred to a Public Utilities Commission docket from 2017.

According to the report, a 2012 analysis showed Gantry 3 was to be replaced in 2031 at a cost of \$13 million. By 2016, the PUC found the replacement had to be accelerated to 2018, at a cost of \$8 million, of which \$2.4 million would be funded by bond proceeds.

Post files state that in September 2016, the Port Authority board decided to have the crane surveyed. A feasibility study by the agency's

technical services contractor, Matson Navigation Corp., found repairing the crane would cost \$5.6 million.

"The life expectancy after that refurbishment is not worth the Port Authority to go through, and later on we will be requesting to replace Gantry 3," said then-Deputy General Manager Felix Pangelinan.

### Out of service

Gantry 3 is currently out of service due to its deteriorated condition. The crane had little resale value for the port, but it may produce some revenue if sold as scrap metal.

The port's three remaining operational cranes also are in dire need of replacement. The PUC reported those costs to be between \$11 million and \$12 million.

The transition report stated that acquisition of a new gantry crane was not listed among the Port Authority's budgeted capital improvement projects for fiscal year 2019.

General Manager Rory Respicio, who helped develop the transition report, said the cranes will be replaced one at a time and all cranes will be replaced by 2026.

The agency will have to start going through the procurement process next year, he said.



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**Date:** Saturday, June 22, 2019  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Government of Guam Retirement Fund Building, Maite, Guam

The purpose of the election is to elect Active and Retiree members to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund. The term of office of a Trustee is five (5) years from the date the Trustee first takes the oath of office following the Trustee's election.

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- Is not an employee of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund,
- Never have been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude;
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Potential Candidates may pick up a Candidate Packet at the Guam Election Commission, GCIC Building Suite 200, Hagåtña. A prospective candidate seeking election shall submit a Candidate Statement of Qualification and Nomination Petitions. **Deadline to submit applications for candidacy is 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2019, at the Guam Election Commission.**

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The Guam Election Commission is accepting Absentee Ballot Applications from eligible voters who are home bound, or will be off-island on the day of the election. To request for an Absentee Ballot Application, please visit [www.gec.guam.gov](http://www.gec.guam.gov), or call 477-9791. Homebound services will begin June 10, 2019. For individuals who would like to cast their vote before leaving off-island, in-office voting will begin on June 17, 2019 to June 21, 2019 at the GEC's main office in the GCIC Bldg, Suite 200 in Hagåtña. Deadline to submit absentee applications for individuals who will be off-island on election day is **5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2019.**

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### DEPARTMENT OF CHAMORU AFFAIRS (DCA) BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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# Trump's ex-fixer to give new Russia details to Congress

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donald Trump's former personal attorney, Michael Cohen, will tell lawmakers on Wednesday that Trump asked him several times about a proposed skyscraper project in Moscow long after he secured the Republican presidential nomination, a person familiar with the matter told Reuters.

As special counsel Robert Mueller appears to near the end of his probe into whether Russia meddled in the 2016 presidential election in collusion with Trump's campaign, Cohen's assertion that Trump was inquiring about the skyscraper project as late as June 2016, if true, would show Trump remained personally engaged in the venture well into his candidacy.

Cohen was set to offer lawmakers new information about Trump's private affairs over three consecutive days of in-depth discussion with congressional committees that began on Tuesday.

## Closed-door hearing

Cohen did not talk to reporters as he arrived on Capitol Hill on Tuesday morning for his first meeting, a closed-door hearing with the Senate Intelligence Committee.

The focus of the session, which was drawing to a close late on Tuesday, was mainly on what Cohen knows about Trump's and associates' dealings with Russia, as well as about Cohen's previous lying to Congress, two congressional sources said.

As Cohen testified, Republican Rep. Matt Gaetz, a Trump ally, suggested in a tweet that there was compromising information about Cohen's private life.

Gaetz later told the Daily Beast



**COHEN:** Former Trump personal attorney Michael Cohen arrives to testify behind closed doors before the Senate Intelligence Committee inside the Senate Hart Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 26. Jonathan Ernst/Reuters

that he was not engaging in witness intimidation.

"It is challenging the veracity and character of a witness. We do it every day," he said.

The lawmaker does not sit on the House Oversight Committee, which will be conducting Wednesday's hearing with Cohen, and therefore will not be allowed to ask him questions.

## From close aide to 'rat'

Cohen was one of Trump's closest aides and once said he would "take a bullet" for him. But he turned against his former boss last year and is cooperating with prosecutors after pleading guilty to tax evasion, bank fraud and campaign finance violations.

Cohen has said Trump directed him to make hush-money payments to two women who said they had sexual relationships with Trump, in violation of campaign finance laws before the 2016 election.

Trump called Cohen a "rat" after he turned on him, and the White House again attacked Cohen's credibility on Tuesday.

"It's laughable that anyone would take a convicted liar like Cohen at his word, and pathetic to see him given yet another opportunity to spread his lies," White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said.

Trump has denied any collusion between his campaign and Moscow. Russia denies U.S. intelligence agencies' assertions that it interfered in the election.

Cohen has been disbarred, according to a decision by a New York state appeals court in Manhattan made public on Tuesday. Disbarment is automatic in New York for lawyers convicted of felonies.

Michael Monico, a lawyer for Cohen, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

## Epstein's sex abuse victims demand justice

MIAMI (Miami Herald) - Lawyers for victims who were sexually abused as minors by multimillionaire Jeffrey Epstein have formally demanded that the government vacate Epstein's plea deal, void his federal immunity and reopen his sex trafficking investigation, the Miami Herald has learned.

Lawyers Brad Edwards and Paul Cassell, who represent two of Epstein's victims, sent a letter to the U.S. attorney's office for the Southern District of Florida making the request in the wake of a federal judge's ruling last week that the plea deal negotiated with Epstein 11 years ago was illegal.

## Top general: No military threat at southern border

WASHINGTON (Roll Call) - The U.S. military commander tasked with defending North America said Tuesday that there is no military threat at the southern border, where President Donald Trump has deployed troops to assist law enforcement in stemming illegal border crossings.

"It is not a military threat," Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, who leads U.S. Northern Command, told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday. He quickly added that doesn't necessarily mean the military should not be involved in the border mission.

But O'Shaughnessy's comments come just hours before a House vote on a resolution to block Trump's Feb. 15 declaration of a national emergency along the border.



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