

# Crane Specifications

## Off-the-Shelf or Tailor-Made?

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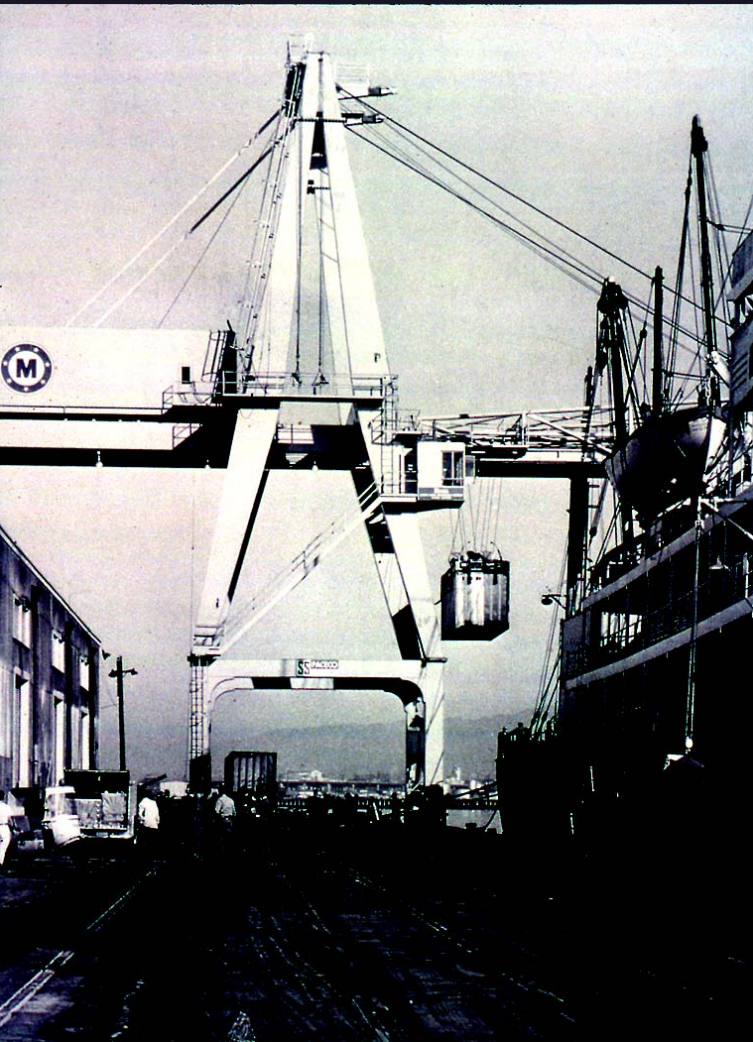
# Overview

- ◆ Evolution of Container Crane Industry
- ◆ Current Crane Purchase Environment
- ◆ Crane Procurement Strategy
  - ◆ Case Studies
- ◆ Procurement Costs
- ◆ Conclusion

# Purchaser Background

- ◆ Throughput – 200,000 teu
- ◆ Existing Quay Cranes – 1 to 2
- ◆ Purchase new quay cranes – 1 to 2
- ◆ Limited In-House Crane Expertise

# Evolution of Container Crane Industry



## Paceco & Licensees

- ◆ Pioneer
- ◆ Good Quality
- ◆ Standard Features

# Evolution of Container Crane Industry

## Europeans (Early 1960's)

- ◆ Improved Designs
- ◆ Good Quality
- ◆ Standard Designs
- ◆ Competitive Prices



# Evolution of Container Crane Industry

Japanese (Late 1960's)

- ◆ Lower Prices
- ◆ Initial Quality Concerns
- ◆ Birth of Tailor-Made Concept
- ◆ Good Quality
- ◆ Competitive Prices

# Evolution of Container Crane Industry

Process Repeated With

- ◆ Koreans (1970's)
- ◆ Others
- ◆ Chinese (1990's)
  - ◆ Most Significant Impact
  - ◆ Tailor-Made Procurement

# Crane Purchase Environment



- ◆ Chinese Success
- ◆ Highly Competitive Pricing
- ◆ Led to Cost-Cutting Measures by Others

# Cost-Cutting Measures

- ◆ Sub-Contract Fabrication
- ◆ Remote Fabrication Plants
- ◆ Standardize Components
- ◆ Electrical Integration
- ◆ Reduce Profit Margins

# Cost-Cutting Measures



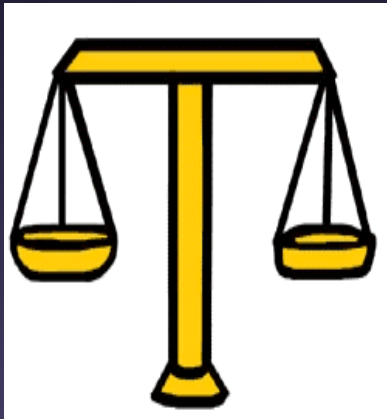
APL – LA Cranes

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# Consequences of Cost-Cutting Measures

- ◆ Some Manufacturers Maintained Quality
- ◆ Others Struggled
  - ◆ Lower Quality Cranes
  - ◆ Reduced Reliability
  - ◆ Late Delivery

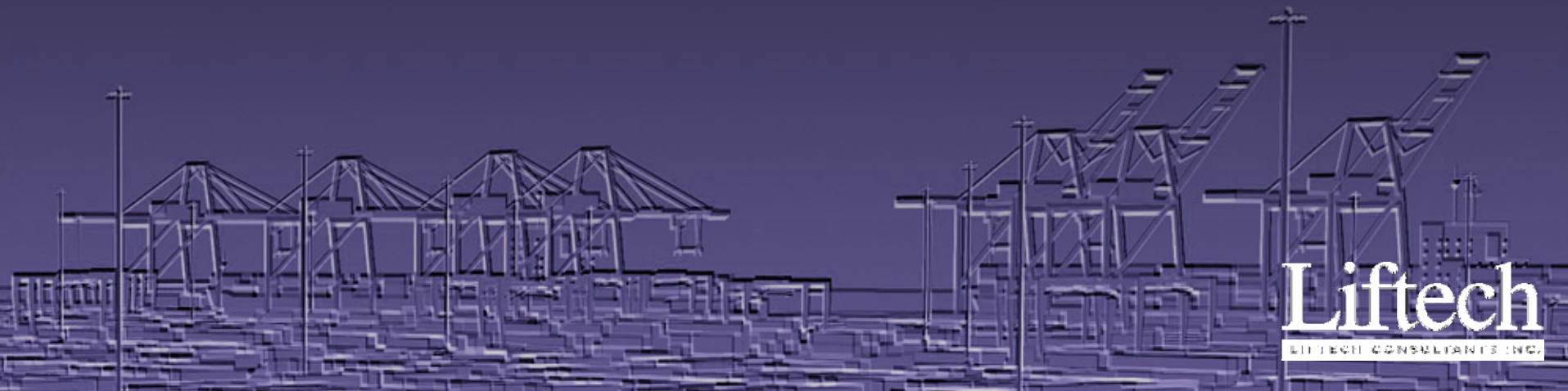
# Crane Procurement Strategy



- ◆ Judging Quality and Price
- ◆ Appropriate Procurement Strategy

# Procurement Strategies

- ◆ Off-the-Shelf – Specification Outline
- ◆ Tailor-Made – Detailed Specifications
- ◆ Hybrid



# Off-the-Shelf

- ◆ Visit Operating Cranes – 2 to 3 Vendors
- ◆ Get Input from Operations and Maintenance Personnel
- ◆ Obtain Vendor Specifications
- ◆ Understand Procurement Process and Quality Monitoring Effort

# Off-the-Shelf Procurement Process

- ◆ Issue Specification Outline
- ◆ Solicit Terms
- ◆ Confirm Vendor Specifications
- ◆ Negotiate
- ◆ Implement Monitoring Effort



# Off-the-Shelf Specification Outline Key Points

- ◆ Geometry and Capacity
- ◆ Power Supply
- ◆ Quay Capacity
- ◆ Electrical Vendors
- ◆ Specific Features and Components
- ◆ Classification Groups
- ◆ Stability Against Storm Winds

# Limitations – Off-the-Shelf

Suitable for Private Industry

- ◆ Can use Different Standards
- ◆ Not Limited to Low Bidder
- ◆ Can Negotiate

May not be Suitable for Public Agency

# Case Study

## NYC EDC – Red Hook Terminal, NY

- ◆ Public Financing of Private Industry
- ◆ Small – Medium Size
- ◆ Experienced Personnel
- ◆ Followed Off-the-Shelf Strategy
- ◆ Limited Monitoring Effort

# NYC EDC – Red Hook Terminal



Two Liebherr cranes

# Tailor-Made

- ◆ Detailed Specifications
- ◆ Permit Bid Alternates
- ◆ Confirm Technical Proposal
- ◆ Implement Quality Monitoring Program



# Detailed Performance Specifications

SPECIFICATIONS FOR  
CERES HALIFAX TERMINAL CRANES

TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

for  
Cerescorp Company  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

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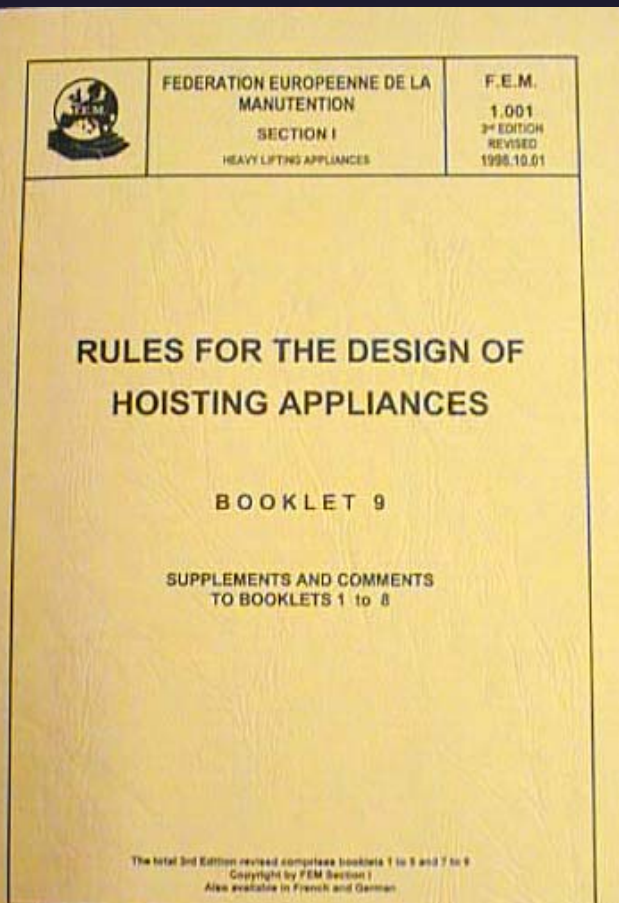
- ◆ Start with Detailed Baseline Specifications
- ◆ Identify Specific Components
- ◆ Identify Specific Needs

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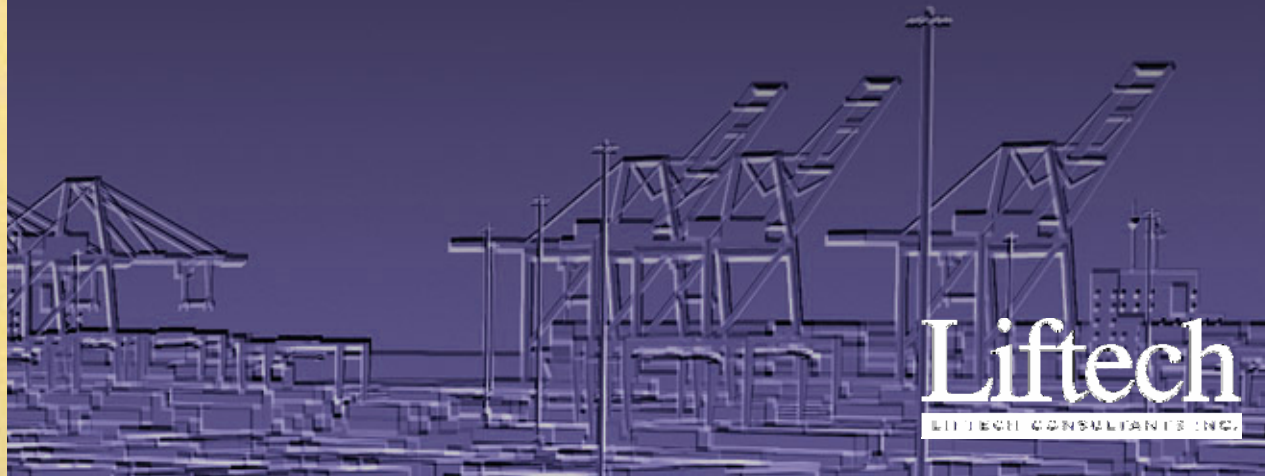
# Consider Bid Alternates

- ◆ Require Bid for Specified Crane
- ◆ Alternate Bid for Vendor Specifications
  - ◆ Bidders Note Exceptions
  - ◆ State Reasons for Exceptions
  - ◆ Only Use Proven Designs

# Confirm Technical Proposals



- ◆ Specifications Compliance
- ◆ Evaluate Standards
- ◆ Evaluate Bid Alternates



# Evaluate Commercial Proposals

- ◆ Capital Costs
- ◆ Lifetime Costs
- ◆ Other Costs
  - ◆ Specifications, Bidding, Bid Review
  - ◆ Quality Monitoring Costs
  - ◆ Administrative Effort

# Quality Monitoring

- ◆ Verify Designs
- ◆ Verify Manufacturing Quality
- ◆ On-Site Inspection
- ◆ Verify Commissioning
- ◆ Punch List

# Case Study

## CeresCorp Company

### Halifax Terminal, Canada

- ◆ Private Industry
- ◆ Small – Medium Size
- ◆ Experienced Personnel
- ◆ Followed Tailor-Made Strategy
- ◆ Extensive Monitoring Effort

# CeresCorp Company – Halifax



One ZPMC Crane

# Monitoring Cost Variables

- ◆ Manufacturer Location
- ◆ Extent of Sub-Contracting
- ◆ Existing Relationships
  - ◆ Purchaser – Manufacturer
  - ◆ Manufacturer – Fabricator
  - ◆ Fabricator – Erector
- ◆ Manufacturer Quality Control

# Monitoring Costs

## Typical Monitoring Costs as % of Price of Two Crane Order

- ◆ Off-the-Shelf – 0.5% to 1.5%
- ◆ Tailor-Made – 2.5% to 5%



# Conclusions

- ◆ Highly Competitive Market
- ◆ Better and Cheaper Cranes
- ◆ Can Use Off-the-Shelf & Tailor-Made
- ◆ Requires Quality Monitoring
- ◆ More Diligence by Purchaser
- ◆ Trend: Tailor-Made



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