



# Mayors' Council of Guam

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June 5, 2026

## Questions & Concerns

INVITATION FOR BID NO. MCOG-26-004

This is an "Indefinite Quantity Bid"

Purchase of New Backhoe (Latest Model)

The following questions/concerns were received by Morrico Equipment LLC on May 20, 2026.

**1. Question:** Please confirm the function of a Cat Cushion Swing System. New Holland supplies a Swing Dampening system, please confirm if a swing dampening system is acceptable.

**Response:** No. The terrain in the Northern part of Dededo has a high rate of raw materials such as dense coral rock, large material rocks and uneven excavation layers which can create high swing shock loads on equipment during constant digging and dumping cycles of work. The Cushion Swing System is designed with hydraulic cushioning which will absorb the impact force. This system's durability stems from the design intended use in the northern part of Dededo in which frequent contact of raw materials and large rocks is highly anticipated.

### 2. Question: LOADER

Item 2. Single Tilt Loader

Morrigo Equipment are the New Holland dealers for Guam. New Holland produces a dual tilt cylinder for their backhoes, please confirm if a dual tilt cylinder is acceptable.

**Response:** No. Based on the workload, the single tilt loader is specified based on the compatibility with the equipment design, maintenance procedures and fleet support standards.

### 3. Question: POWERTRAIN

Item 3. Thermal Starting Aid System

Question 3. The Thermal Starting Aid System is only needed in cold weather. Morrigo Equipment request to remove this specification as it is not necessary for Guam's weather.

**Response:** Refer to Amendment #4.

### 4. Question: HYDRAULICS

Item 4. Load Sensing, Variable-Flow System with 43 GPM Axial Piston Pump.

Our Manufacturer New Holland produces a Gear Pump closed center hydraulic system with 40 GPM. Please confirm if a Gear Pump with a Closed Center Hydraulic System is acceptable.

**Response:** No. Due to the current workload of the village the 43 GPM is required.

**5. Question:** Item 5. Caterpillar XT-3 Hose Please confirm the spec of a Caterpillar XT-3 Hose. If this is based on pressure capacity, please confirm if 2500 PSI to 4000 PSI hoses are acceptable.

**Response:** Yes, if the pressure capacity can meet or exceed the functional performance for the 2500 PSI as specified, it may be submitted as a proposed equivalent for evaluation.



**6. Question: ELECTRICAL**

Item 6. Front and Rear Horn

New Holland Produces only one horn for their backhoes; The Horn is available at reachable locations, please confirm if one horn is acceptable.

**Response:** No, the Front and Rear Horn will allow a critical, localized warning system. It allows the operator to alert ground workers to the machine's movement or actions from either end of the equipment, drastically reducing blind-spot accidents in busy work site areas.

**7. Question: FLUIDS**

Item 7. Antifreeze

Antifreeze is only needed for cold weather operations; we would like to request to have this specification removed as it is not necessary for Guam's weather.

**Response:** Refer to Amendment #4.

**8. Question: OTHER STANDARD EQUIPMENT**

Item 8. Ground-line fill fuel tank with 42.3 gallons (160L) capacity and 5-gallon (19L) diesel exhaust fluid

New Holland backhoes are supplied with a 31.7 Gallon Fuel Tank and 3.5 Gallon Diesel Exhaust Fluid Tank. Please confirm if this capacity is acceptable.

**Response:** No, The Dededo Mayor's office requires the fuel and diesel exhaust fuel capacity to be 42.3 gallons (160L) capacity and 5-gallon (19L) diesel exhaust fluid is necessary for longer operations and to account for the total road mileage for the village.

**9. Question: TIRES**

Item 9. Front Tires: 340/80R18

Please confirm if a 12 x 16.5 front tire is acceptable.

**Response:** No, uneven terrain requires bigger tires for better traction.


**10. Question: Rear Tires: 500/70R24**

Please confirm if a 19.5L x 24 rear tire is acceptable.

**Response:** Yes, if the offer meets or exceeds the specifications.

**Please note: Follow up/Clarification to the Questions and Concerns responses dated June 5, 2026 must be submitted to the Mayors' Council of Guam Procurement Office via email to [procurement@mcog.guam.gov](mailto:procurement@mcog.guam.gov) no later than 3:00 pm, Monday, June 8, 2026.**

**\*\*\* NOTHING ELSE FOLLOWS \*\*\***

  
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