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## **Enormous crane ready for Mississippi River Bridge construction**

ST. LOUIS – An enormous crane weighing nearly 900 tons with a boom able to reach more than 400 feet has arrived for duty on the new Mississippi River Bridge.

The Manitowoc 7000 arrived on site today after traveling from Kansas City and being outfitted locally for work on the cable stayed bridge over the Mississippi.

The huge crane will be helping construct the two 400 foot tall towers for the new bridge. The crane is a barge mounted crane set on a ring and will move between the two towers, as needed, to lift reinforcing steel and concrete to the top of each tower.

Initially, the crane will use its standard 385 foot boom to construct lower stages of the towers. When the bridge towers reach about 300 feet, crews will install an additional 75 feet of boom on the crane to be able to complete the towers.

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