

PRESS SITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## Winter's blast doesn't slow progress in Salt Lake

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Construction of Newspaper Agency Corp's new press facility in West Valley City, Utah, progressed last month, despite above-average snowfall and difficult winter construction conditions in the Salt Lake Valley.

Structural steel erection of the facility is complete. The 75-foot-tall press hall is an imposing facility on the skyline.

About 30 percent of the exterior metal panels are in place on the press hall tower, so observers are beginning to see how the building will look in its finished form.

Roofing, meantime, is complete on about 30 percent of the project. In the areas where the facility is closed in, all construction trades are working.

### Screen walls

Mechanical, electrical and plumbing work is ongoing in the press hall area and pre- and post-press hall areas. Steel studs framing interior walls are being placed in many areas and drywall work is under way. The space of the press hall is quite spectacular and the interior drywall work is about 50 percent complete there.

Workers toil in the immense and cold space hanging the drywall board. Installation of the three 4-by-1 TKS (USA) Color Top 5000 presses will fill the massive void.

Crews are also working to build architectural concrete screen walls to isolate the working areas of the facility from public view. So far, the northwest wall, which conceals inbound delivery truck docks, is complete. A companion wall to screen the outbound delivery dock is 30 percent finished.

On the exterior of the office and operational support areas of the 319,000-square-foot facility, drywall and masonry veneer is about 50 percent complete.

Masonry of six different earth tones is placed in 4-foot square grid pattern as designed by the architect, Dario Designs Inc.



Snow covers the construction site of NAC's new plant.

### Mimic the range

Observing the building from a distance, the patterns and colors of the masonry and metal panels will mimic the mountain range that surrounds the Salt Lake Valley.

Concrete work is being completed on the super flat floors of the reel room. Ink tanks are set in place. Rooftop HVAC units are scheduled for installation before the end of February. Chillers and boilers in the major mechanical room have been installed and the area is now being enclosed.

Crews from Layton Construction, the contractor building the \$80 million facility that will produce The Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret Morning News, look forward to a break in the weather and anticipate better working conditions as spring arrives. ■