

PRESS SITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Salt Lake project moves indoors as spring begins

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Newspaper Agency Corp.'s press facility in metropolitan Salt Lake City continues to take shape, as the exterior is virtually closed in. Exterior finishes of the press hall metal panels are complete and masonry work is nearly finished. A significant level of activity continues on the interior of the building, which will be used to print The Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret Morning News, is readied for occupancy.

To that end, Layton Construction Co., workers are completing interior finishes in the press hall.

The press hall's wall space is immense, comparable to the drywall finish work of 100 average residential homes.

All covered up

Meantime, the last portion of the 319,000-square-foot facility was roofed in late March, in the process providing protection to the mail and storage area. Interior work on the two-story office has begun and installation of mechanical and electrical systems is under way.

With exterior and interior work progressing, NAC is now casting its attention to the installation and commissioning of press and newspaper handling equipment.

Press vendor TKS (USA) will ship its first Color Top 5000UD press and installation will begin this July. By October, the press will be installed and TKS and NAC technicians will begin the instrumentation and calibration process, with the press due to be on-edition late in the first quarter of 2006. The second and third presses will be shipped and installed on a staggered schedule, with all three presses expected to be operational by early next summer.

Roll handling, postpress

Newsprint handling will be managed by FMC Technologies Inc., which will begin installing its self-guided vehicles this fall. On the postpress side, crews from GMA Inc. and Quipp Systems Inc. will also begin building their systems.

GMA is providing three buffering systems and three inserters, two of which are new. Quipp is installing stackers, tie-lines and distribution conveyors. All of the equipment should be installed this fall.

Just as NAC meets the deadlines of the two major



Crews putting up some of the drywall needed to finish the interior of NAC's 319,000-square-foot facility. The amount of drywall being used is enough to finish 100 homes.

newspapers it publishes, the construction team of Layton and its many subcontractors continue to hit the target dates required to have the new facility in production next year. ■