

PRESS SITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

For Newspaper Agency Corporation, it's meet the press time

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It was quite a busy summer for Newspaper Agency Corporation, which is in the midst of building a 341,000-square-foot production and administrative center in suburban Salt Lake City.

The agency that prints The Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret Morning News took initial delivery of the first components of the three Color Top 5000 4-by-1 presses built by TKS (USA) that will anchor the plant.

During this first phase of press construction, 37 trucks carrying press parts travelled in a continuous convoy from the port of Long Beach, Calif., to the new plant.

Crews from TKS, Masthead International Inc. (the press installer), and NAC coordinated the unloading and staging of the equipment.

As of early August, all eight reelstands, units and folder of the first press were in position. Decking on the first level was being installed and crews were in the first stages of wiring the press. Components of the second press were delivered in mid-August.

TKS tested the straight-only Color Top 4-by-1 machine in January and April prior to shipping the press to Utah; the tests went well and NAC is happy to be working with TKS to make the installation and start-up a success.

The first press is scheduled to go live next March. Meanwhile, NAC received a temporary certificate of occupation in August after inspectors signed off on the work performed by general contractor Layton Construction Company. So far, the construction phase of the project – which was completed earlier than scheduled – remains on budget.

NAC plans to move its administrative functions from its current downtown Salt Lake location to 100,000 square feet of space at the new plant.

In addition to the move by NAC managers this fall, the fourth quarter will also see the installation of mailroom equipment from GMA Inc., Quipp Systems Inc. and Samuel Strapping. GMA was tapped to supply inserters, buffers, conveyors and control software while Quipp will supply stackers, bottomwrappers and a belt distribution system. Samuel Strapping Systems will install strapping machines.

FMC Technologies Inc., meantime, will install an AGV newsprint handling system. ■



NAC's new plant encompasses more than 340,000 square feet.



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