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Dario Designs says momentum continues

Dario Designs Inc. said it snagged 16 new architectural and design projects in the first four months of 2006, including a major contract to add 63,000 square feet of production space at the Austin (Texas) American Statesman.

"We are currently master planning more than 2 million square feet for newspapers across the world," said Cindy DiMatteo, marketing director at DDI.

In addition to the American Statesman contract, DDI is designing a new office and production facility at The Daily Sentinel in Grand Junction, Colo., and received an architectural and engineering services contract in conjunction with a new production plant at the Naples (Fla.) Daily News.

DiMatteo said DDI also was awarded

design contracts at four international newspapers.

Meantime, DDI beefed up its personnel, adding a new director of architecture and head of its international division, among other appointments.

On the architectural side, George Morin was named director of architecture, while Derick Veliz was appointed as a design architect. Ronaldo Gilberti was named head of DDI's international division.

Scott Clevinger was named to DDI's consulting division and will serve as a project manager for master plans, process analyses and operational studies. Clevinger recently served as strategic projects manager for The Daily Press in Newport News, Va.▲