

Dario Designs Gets Nod for NNE Project

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Newspapers of New England awarded Dario Designs, Marlboro, Mass., the contract for final architecture and engineering for the building expansion at the Daily Hampshire Gazette, Northampton, Mass. The publisher's plans were approved by local authorities on March 9.

Most of the planned 7,000-square-foot addition will consist of a new pressroom to house a half-dozen Cerutti SR satellite flexo units - the Italian manufacturer's first newspaper press installation in this county. By late 2008, the new facility is expected to print the Gazette and its sister daily, The Recorder, in nearby Greenfield.

DiMare earlier had been tapped to design a new plant for The Recorder, where the 13,786-circulation Monday-through-Saturday paper also was to print on flexo presses - the first Tech Energy singlewide, two-around towers.

The plan changed after NNE bought the Gazette and decided to print both dailies in one plant, staying with flexo (which the company uses at other sites), but going with a doublewide press - in this case, from a manufacturer that until recently has sold only to Italian newspapers. Associated Newspapers Ltd., publisher of London's Daily Mail has ordered Cerutti presses for its new Didcot plant.