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## **Albany Times Union to get new press**

Hearst Corp. today said it will equip the Times Union in Albany, N.Y., with new press and postpress equipment in a project to be completed by the end of 2011. The publisher will expand the newspaper's existing Colonie, N.Y., production facility by 70,000 square feet to house the new press and postpress equipment. The Times Union said Hearst is spending \$60 million for the facility. Decisions on press, postpress and prepress vendors to equip the plant are expected in the next few months, said Allison Lauenstein, the paper's director of marketing.

Hearst said the new press will enable the paper to print color on every page. The machine will replace the Times Union's existing letterpress.

The publisher tapped Dario Designs Inc. to provide architectural, engineering, and equipment selection services to support the expansion. DDI President Dario DiMare told Newspapers & Technology that presses from four vendors will be considered: TKS (USA), Koenig & Bauer AG, MAN Roland, and Goss International Corp.

Hearst and Times Union executives will investigate different format sizes for the paper. Currently, the broadsheet Times Union has a web width of 54 inches, a size that will undoubtedly be reduced once the final press configuration has been made.

George B. Irish, president of Hearst Newspapers, said the project "reaffirms Hearst's and the Times Union's commitment to a printed newspaper." Look for more information about the Times Union's new project in the May issue of Newspapers & Technology.