



NELA to partner with The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on press enhancement project

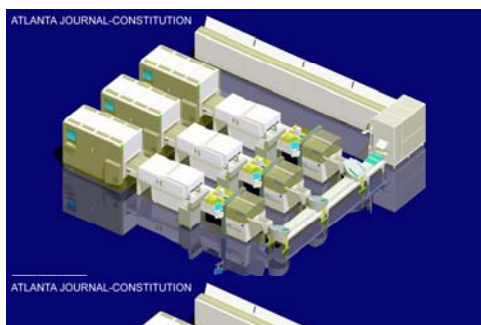
Oakdale, MN – May 2, 2008 – NELA is proud to announce a partnership with The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on the press enhancement project currently underway at the Gwinnett County Printing Plant. NELA's involvement will include a plate handling, verification and distribution system for the plate room CtP project and new tool-less lock-ups for four (4) TKS Jupiter presses.

The "NELA Plate Handling and Distribution System" will be part of a fully automated plate production facility scheduled to go on edition in October of this year.

Plates will be imaged by three (3) Kodak Generation News CtP devices. Each plate line will be equipped with a NELA Evolution High-speed Vision Punchbender, Blank Plate Feeder and Plate Buffer. Following the bending process; plates are transported to a 48-station over/under plate sorting system with a 900 plate-per-hour throughput speed. The sorting system has a user-friendly interface that enables operators to easily program and select the desired sorting criteria and to identify the location of sorted plates for pressroom personnel. The NELA Plate Tracking Software will confirm the arrival of each plate at the sorter and report this information back to the workflow system. The NELA Status Center detects, communicates and displays activities of all devices in the plate room on a centralized monitor.

NELA will also provide tool-less lock-ups for a total of 176 print couples. This includes new four-color towers in addition to the units currently in production. Initially the locks will be pinned for the current 48" web width with the possibility of simple change-over (along with the benders) to a 46" or 44" web width in the future.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution press enhancement project is part of an undertaking to consolidate the Downtown and Gwinnett County printing facilities. The project is scheduled to reach completion in December of this year.



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