



Media News Group tabs NELA for their web reduction project for punch/bending and plate automation equipment

Oakdale, MN – April 24, 2008 – NELA is pleased to be the provider of punch/bending and plate automation equipment for the Media News Group for ten (10) of their print locations.

Media News Group is one of the largest newspaper companies in the United States situated throughout California, the Rocky Mountain region and the Northeast. They are privately owned and operate 57 daily newspapers in 12 states with combined daily and Sunday circulation of approximately 2.6 million and 2.9 million, respectively. Many of their locations are converting to CtP and reducing their web width.

Based on plate and press configuration and printing volume, each printing location has different requirements for their punchbending equipment. Due to NELA's large product portfolio, the Minnesota based company is able to meet these individual location needs and help the Media News Group maximize the benefits of their web reduction and conversion to CtP.

Contra Costa Times in Walnut Creek and Concord – both in CA – will each receive two (2) in-line VCP-Ms for multiple plate sizes and bar coding to ensure a trouble-free CtP conversion and web reduction. The San Jose Mercury News will receive two (2) new VCPs and modifications on their existing VCP , also to facilitate CTP and web-width conversions.

The other locations will receive equipment ranging from three point register and vision register systems to back up punches and stand alone semi-automatic bending equipment. Completion of the NELA installation will be in summer of 2008. Until then, NELA will support The Media News locations with project management to ensure a smooth transition regarding the NELA portion of the project.

About NELA: NELA forms the largest register control and plate automation company in the printing industry. Register systems include inline punch and bending system for offset presses--both Newspaper and Commercial--and plate automation and transportation systems. With more than 1,000 Vision PunchBender systems installed across the world, NELA is the leading technologist and state of the art manufacturer in plate automation and register systems in the world.

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