REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Luna LLC

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Name: Forge Nicolemouth Facility Upgrade
Type: Facility Upgrade
Location: Nicolemouth, PR (Refinery Zone)
Industry: Manufacturing
Value: $8,430,056
Complexity: 2/5
Date: April 09, 2025
Disciplines: Mechanical Engineering, Process Engineering, Industrial Automation
Regulations: ASME Standards

SCOPE OF WORK

Scope of Work: Automated Packaging Line Upgrade for Canned Goods

Project Goal: Upgrade an existing canned goods packaging line to increase throughput by 20% and improve product handling to reduce damage rates by 15%. This will be achieved through the integration of new automated equipment and process optimization.

Disciplines & Tasks:

Mechanical Engineering:

1. Conveyor System Design & Fabrication: Design and fabricate a new 30-meter long roller conveyor system to transport cans from the canning line to the palletizer. The system will utilize 6-inch diameter, stainless steel rollers with a capacity of 50 cans per minute, and will incorporate variable speed drives for speed control. Detailed CAD drawings, BOM, and fabrication specifications will be delivered.
2. Palletizer Mechanism Redesign: Redesign the existing palletizer?s gripping mechanism to handle a wider range of can sizes (diameter: 75-100mm, height: 100-150mm). This will involve selecting appropriate gripping materials (e.g., food-grade silicone) and adjusting the pneumatic actuation system to ensure gentle handling. 3D models and detailed engineering drawings are required.

Process Engineering:

1. Process Optimization Study: Conduct a time-motion study of the existing packaging line to identify bottlenecks and areas for improvement. This will include data collection, process mapping, and analysis to optimize can flow, reduce downtime, and improve efficiency. A detailed report with recommendations for process adjustments and throughput improvements will be provided.
2. Packaging Material Selection: Evaluate and select new packaging materials (e.g., cardboard, shrink wrap) to improve product protection and reduce damage during transit. This will involve testing various materials for their ability to withstand the automated palletizing process and maintain product integrity, delivering a comparative report of the materials and the final recommendation.

Industrial Automation:

1. PLC Programming & HMI Development: Program a Rockwell Automation PLC to control the entire packaging line, including conveyor speed, palletizer operation, and safety interlocks. Develop an intuitive HMI (Human Machine Interface) for operator monitoring and control. The final PLC program and HMI software will be provided, fully documented and tested.
2. Safety System Integration: Implement a comprehensive safety system adhering to relevant OSHA standards. This will include light curtains, emergency stops, and interlocks to prevent accidents during operation. A safety risk assessment report and detailed schematics of the safety system implementation will be provided.

Cross-Disciplinary Tasks:

1. Integration of Mechanical & Automation Systems: Ensure seamless integration of the newly designed conveyor system and palletizer with the existing PLC system and newly developed HMI. This requires close collaboration between mechanical and automation engineers to ensure smooth operation and data communication between all components. Regular progress meetings and system integration testing will be conducted.
2. Process Validation & Testing: Conduct comprehensive testing of the entire upgraded packaging line to verify that the system meets the specified throughput and damage reduction targets. This will involve collaboration between all disciplines to troubleshoot any issues and ensure optimal performance. A final report detailing test results, performance data, and any necessary adjustments will be delivered.

Complexity Impact Note: The project's complexity is manageable due to the relatively straightforward nature of the upgrades and the limited scope of the redesign.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

Request for Quotation (RFQ): Forge Nicolemouth Facility Upgrade

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Industry: Manufacturing

Issued: April 9, 2025

Due: May 11, 2025

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Scope of Work: Detailed in the attached document (see Appendix A). This includes mechanical engineering (conveyor system, palletizer redesign), process engineering (optimization study, material selection), industrial automation (PLC programming, HMI, safety system integration), and cross-disciplinary tasks (system integration, process validation).

Appendix A (Summary of Scope):

* Mechanical Engineering: Design & fabricate a 30m roller conveyor system; redesign palletizer gripping mechanism.
* Process Engineering: Conduct time-motion study; select new packaging materials.
* Industrial Automation: PLC programming & HMI development; safety system integration.
* Cross-Disciplinary: System integration; process validation & testing.

Qualifications: Minimum 3 years of experience in manufacturing automation projects, proven regulatory compliance (OSHA).

Proposal Requirements:

1. Company qualifications and relevant experience.

2. Detailed technical design (1-2 pages maximum), including CAD drawings (if available) and 3D models.

3. Comprehensive cost breakdown.

Evaluation Criteria: Technical approach (50%), Cost (30%), Experience (20%).

Contract Type: Fixed Price

Timeline:

*** RFQ Release: April 9, 2025**

*** Questions Due: April 16, 2025**

*** Proposals Due: May 11, 2025**

*** Project Start: June 2, 2025**

* Project Duration: 12 months

Submission: Submit proposals electronically to procurement@manufacturing.com.

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TIMELINE

Include key dates such as submission deadlines, inquiry deadlines, and project start dates.