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Rochester's Skilled Trades Outshine Others

Despite fears that manufacturing jobs will continue to disappear out of the Rochester area; Optimation Technology, Inc. proves that Rochester still boasts industry talent and expertise with a strong competitive edge nationwide.

The company recently completed a project for the oil and gas industry in which Optimation designed, fabricated, installed and commissioned a valve test panel assembly in Houston, TX and Houma, LA. The test panels are used to test oil drilling equipment for major oil companies.

Ten test panels were fabricated from Optimation's final design at its LaGrange manufacturing facilities in Rochester. Optimation was able to do what the competition outside of Rochester could not – get three critical panels up and running onsite within six months. The remaining seven have since been installed and Optimation is currently working on the last panel fabrication. As a result of this success, future test assemblies may be needed in more locations in the country and around the world.

Although there are many components of the project of which Optimation can be proud, the project wouldn't have been able to transform from conceptual drawing into reality without its talented team of skilled tradesmen. Optimation's team, consisting of field machinists, sheet metal fabricators, welders, pipe fitters, carpenters and electricians were able to completely build and test the panels and their supporting components in two months

Optimation was also able to finish a 68 foot long automated parts washing machine for a company in Pennsylvania. The skilled trades team at LaGrange again took the Optimation concept and design and fabricated an automated machine that will be ready for installation in early 2008.

“These are excellent examples of how Rochester is still able to remain competitive nationally in the manufacturing business,” says John Erbland, COO, Automation Group at Optimation. “We can show the rest of the country and the world that Rochester has the capabilities to produce complex products and full service solutions for the nation's biggest players.”

Optimation Technology, Inc., a global design, engineering and construction company headquartered in Rochester, New York, provides solutions and services for industrial and manufacturing applications. Optimation has several locations in the U.S., including Rochester, Houston, Syracuse and Boston, as well as Canadian operations based in Windsor, Ontario.

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