For almost 60 years, PLANT ENGINEERING has helped plant engineers and managers understand how to make their operations run more efficiently and effectively. Today, those challenges are greater than ever.

A plant engineer must know how to integrate new systems and equipment into their existing operation to drive greater efficiencies. As we looked to re-engineer our magazine for 2006 to help our subscribers meet those needs, PLANT ENGINEERING's editors kept the responsibilities of a plant engineer in mind. PLANT ENGINEERING Makes The Connection between the engineers, suppliers and a world of knowledge.

PLANT ENGINEERING Makes the Connection in several ways:

PLANT ENGINEERING magazine is the largest monthly collection of knowledge and information for the manufacturing sector. We offer unbiased, accurate and cutting-edge information that plant engineers can use today.

PlantEngineering.com is the engineer's most popular Website for up-to-the-minute information and onsite collection of knowledge. This Website has undergone a transformation this year to put all of the industry's information at your fingertips, through such exclusive features as Supplier Search (powered by Kellysearch) and our new Engineer's Resource Guide (ERG).

PRODUCT OF THE YEAR: Now in its 19th year, the PLANT ENGINEERING Product of the Year awards are the most coveted prize in manufacturing product innovation.

TOP PLANT: A comprehensive benchmarking program to examine all aspects of a plant's operation, PLANT ENGINEERING's Top Plant award honors outstanding manufacturing facilities. From productivity to safety, from efficiency to maintenance, who are the best of the best? Top Plant tells you that and what makes them the best.

New features and enhanced editorial coverage for 2006.

Our goal is simple: To cover every facet of plant operations EVERY MONTH.

NEW FEATURES

AUTOMATION CONNECTION: A management-level view of automation issues and knowledge designed to give the plant engineer a broad perspective on what's happening in the ever-changing world of automation.

INNOVATIONS: Each month, PLANT ENGINEERING will take a look at the latest products, grouped by product type, as well as a look at the best new products in all categories, every month.

A VIEW FROM WASHINGTON: What happens on Capitol Hill and in the regulatory agencies affects plant engineers directly, every day.

PE CONNECTION: Looking for a way to find out what's new on the PLANT ENGINEERING Website, as well as other electronic information? PE Connection is the source each month for the latest knowledge available at plantengineering.com and other industry Websites.

NEW CONNECTIONS: ENGINEER'S RESOURCE GUIDE (ERG). By definition, an ERG is a unit of work done by the force of one dyne acting over a distance of one centimeter. For PLANT ENGINEERING's readers, it's the amount of work needed to click on our Website and find past stories, industry links, Webcast archives and white papers, all grouped by subject.

PE POLL: Each month, there will be a new poll question available at PlantEngineering.com that will take the pulse of the industry. The results of that poll will be available in the next month's issue of PLANT ENGINEERING magazine, along with subscriber comments.

2006 SALARY SURVEY: We will conduct our annual Salary Survey, and results will be available in print in our January issue and online at PlantEngineering.com. The interactive survey will feature numbers and data, but also comment and insight.

ROUNDTABLES: A unique opportunity to talk with PLANT ENGINEERING's subscribers in an intimate discussion of issues facing plant engineers. The Roundtables will provide discussion, insight and practical knowledge from plant engineers on important topics — and that knowledge will be shared in print, online and through our electronic newsletters.