

Bluegrass museum to honor Monroe

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) — A museum dedicated to preserving bluegrass music is planning a weekend camp this summer to teach people how to play the mandolin like Bill Monroe.

The study of Monroe's style is important because he revolutionized the way the instrument is played, said Justin Holt, a spokesman for the International Bluegrass Music Museum in Owensboro.

A pioneer in bluegrass music, Monroe developed an up-tempo, fiddle-based approach to mandolin while most other mandolin players have used a guitar-based approach, Holt said.

The camp, which will take place Sept. 8-10 to mark the birth and death of Monroe, will be led by five of the top Monroe-style pickers — Frank Wakefield, Mike Compton, Skip Gorman, David Long and Red Henry.

Monroe was born in Rosine, about 35 miles south of Owensboro, on Sept. 13, 1911. He died Sept. 9, 1996.

Holt said the workshops will include specific eras in the evolution of Monroe's style, as well as the blues, fiddle and church music that shaped his musical expression.

Up to 40 students will be accepted for the camp, which will cost \$400 for three days of instruction and two nights.

On the Net:
http://www.bluegrass-museum.org

Ford sees new conception of domestic brands as crucial

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co. says its new restructuring plan goes beyond job cuts and plant closings in its effort to restore North American profits.

The nation's second-largest automaker also will try to reinvigorate its domestic brands as part of the turnaround.

Shortly after Ford announced its plan Monday to cut up to 30,000 jobs and close 14 plants by 2012, Ford Americas President Mark Fields stood between two clay models of concept vehicles — the Ford Fairlane crossover and Ford Reflex diesel-hybrid coupe — to show that the company isn't afraid to head in new directions.

Fields said that at the beginning of the company's internal deliberations on its restructuring plan, he questioned whether all three domestic brands — Ford, Lincoln and Mercury — should continue. He decided the company was stronger with all three, but only if they appeal to different customers.

He said the company hasn't adequately differentiated its brands in terms of design and amenities.

Fields said the Ford brand is "defined by three words: bold, American and innovative." Mercury, meanwhile, is a brand that appeals

more to women and to younger customers with "modern, expressive design." Lincoln is about a distinctly American approach to luxury, he said.

Ford also owns the luxury brands Jaguar, Volvo, Land Rover and Aston Martin, and it has a 33 percent stake in Mazda Motor Co. Those brands weren't on the table.

It's a different tactic than some of Ford's rivals have taken. General Motors Corp. ended production of its struggling Oldsmobile line in 2004, while DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group killed its Plymouth brand in 2001. In both cases, the brands were having trouble capturing customers because they couldn't set themselves apart from the automakers' other nameplates.

In a statement, United Auto Workers President Ron Gettelfinger and Vice President Gerald Bantom expressed disappointment over the plan, which they said leaves "a cloud hanging over the entire work force because of pending future announcements of additional facilities to be closed at some point in the future."

The study team for Ford's brands came only two weeks after Fields

assumed his job in October. The team's assessment became the basis for the entire restructuring.

"It sets up everything in the business. If you don't understand who you are, you can't expect your customers to understand you," Fields told The Associated Press in an interview Monday.

Ford shares rose 5 percent to \$8.32 on Monday's news, indicating some investors were pleased with the long-awaited "Way Forward" plan as well as the company's larger-than-expected \$124 million overall profit in the fourth quarter.

Ford said the plan will restore profitability by 2008. Some analysts said the plan was thin on details, leaving them uncertain if it would boost Ford profits as the company struggles with aggressive competition, higher gasoline prices, rising costs for labor and raw materials and a junk credit rating. Ford named only five of the plants it plans to close.

The cuts represent up to 25 percent of Ford's North American work force of 122,000 people. Ford has approximately 87,000 hourly workers and 35,000 salaried workers. In addition, Ford plans to cut 12

percent of its corporate officers in the next two months.

Ford's St. Louis plant will be the first plant idled, in the first quarter of this year. A plant near Atlanta will close at the end of this year and a plant in Wixom, Mich., will close in the second quarter of 2007.

Other plants to be idled and eventually closed through 2008 are Batavia Transmission in Ohio and Windsor Casting in Ontario. Later this year, Ford will choose two more plants to be idled. The company also will reduce production to one shift at its St. Thomas assembly plant in Ontario. All the plant closings and job cuts are scheduled to be completed by 2012.

In addition to the facilities named Monday, analysts also have predicted assembly plants in St. Paul, Minn., and Cuatitlan, Mexico could be at risk for closure because of the products they make.

Ford also plans to build one plant in North America, but Fields wouldn't say where.

Under the company's existing

contract with the UAW, workers at the idled plants will continue to get most of their pay and benefits until a new contract is negotiated next year.

Fields said half the jobs Ford is cutting will be through attrition, while the rest will be through layoffs. He said the company plans to help workers using buyouts and possible placement in other plants.

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SECTION 00020

INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

1. RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Colby at the Office of the City Clerk, 585 North Franklin, Colby, Kansas 67701 until 2:00 PM, local time, on February 28, 2006 for the proposed Counter Current Aeration System Equipment. The Proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud shortly thereafter. A summary of Proposals will be prepared and be open for public inspection after award of a contract.

2. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK

This procurement includes the fabrication, supply, delivery, start-up, demonstration and final certification of the proposed counter current aeration system. Work includes but is not necessarily limited to:

- Aeration and clarifier mechanisms complete with traveling bridge, diffuser assemblies, drives, scraper arms, scum removal system, baffling and all appurtenant aeration piping and electrical as shown on the drawings; and
- Coordination of counter current aeration (CCA) equipment fabrication, supply, delivery, installation, start-up and demonstration.

3. TYPE OF PROPOSAL

- Proposal shall be a competitive sealed proposal. In order for the Proposal to be considered responsive to this Request for Proposals (RFP), the Proposer must submit a full response without exception to all requirements stipulated herein.
 - The Owner reserves the right to negotiate with any Proposer to obtain a final contract that best meets the interests and needs of the Owner
 - The final negotiated Proposal including scope of work, terms and conditions, and price will be assigned to the General Contractor selected to construct the Colby Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.

4. DOCUMENT EXAMINATION AND PROCUREMENTS

The Request For Proposals (RFP) documents, may be examined at the following locations:

City of Colby 585 North Franklin Colby, KS 67701 Phone: (785) 462-4400 Fax: (785) 462-4444	Miller & Associates, Consulting Engineers, P.C. 1111 Central Avenue Kearney, NE 68847 Phone: (308) 234-6456 Fax: (308) 234-1146
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Copies of the Contract Documents and Technical Specifications may be purchased from:

Miller & Associates, Consulting Engineers, P.C.
1111 Central Avenue
Kearney, NE 68847
Phone: (308) 234-6456
Attention: Reed A. Miller

The cost of Contract Documents and Technical Specifications with 11" x 17" Drawings would be **\$30.00**.

No partial sets of RFP instructions, Technical Specifications or Drawings will be issued.

Refund Policy: No refund for any RFP Documents will be made.

5. PROPOSAL GUARANTEE

A Proposal Guarantee as described under Article 6, Section 00100 – *Proposal Instructions*, shall accompany each Proposal.

6. CONTRACT SECURITY

The payment and performance bonds as described in Article 4, Section 00700 – *General Conditions* will be provided by the General Contractor selected by the City to construct the WWTF Improvements.

7. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

None

8. CONTRACT TIME

The Contract Time is defined in Section 00700 – *General Conditions*, and specified in Section 00500 – *Agreement Form*.

9. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER

The qualifications, resources and experience of the Proposer in the specific areas of activated sludge process design and fabrication are considered to be essential for timely completion of this project.

Qualification of Proposer shall also be in accordance with Article 3 of Section 00100 – *Proposal Instructions*. Further, the Owner may make such other investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Proposer to perform the Work, and the Proposer shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any Proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Proposer fails to satisfy the Owner that such Proposer is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the RFP and to complete the Work contemplated therein.

The prospective participants must certify by submittal EPA Form 5700-49, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency. BIDDERS on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246. Requirements for Proposers and subcontractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

Each Proposer must fully comply with the requirements, terms and conditions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements, including the fair share objectives for disadvantaged business participation during the performance of this contract. The Proposer commits itself of the fair share objective for disadvantaged business participation contained herein and all other requirements, terms and conditions of these bid conditions by submitting properly signed bid.

10. OWNER'S RIGHTS

The Owner reserves and holds the following rights and options, which may be, exercised at its sole discretion with respect to this RFP and evaluation of Proposals:

- To select and enter into an agreement with a Proposer submitting on this RFP in accordance with the evaluation procedure noted under Section 00100 – *Proposal Instructions*, which best meets the needs and interests of the Owner;
- To terminate this procurement process by written notice to the Proposer(s) for any reason whatsoever;
- To reject any Proposal by written notice to Proposer;
- To supplement, amend, or otherwise modify this RFP in writing; and
- To award an Agreement to the most responsible and responsive Proposer, as evidenced during the procurement and negotiation process, and who meets the requirements as set forth in the RFP taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors.

Furthermore, the Proposer by submitting its Proposal agrees to hold the Owner and its agents harmless and free from all liability, loss, injury, and/or cost and expense, which might be incurred by any Proposer in responding or as a consequence of its response to this RFP.

11. DETERMINATION OF SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER

The successful Proposer shall be determined on the basis of the most responsive and advantageous offering to the Owner, taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP in accordance with Article 17, Section 00100 – *Proposal Instructions*.

12. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements shall be a condition of any contract awarded under this RFP and Proposer hereby agrees to comply with said requirements of such:

- Kansas Act Against Discrimination
- EPA - Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

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