

Yaskawa America Partners with Valley Water Management

Strategic Partnership Strengthens Position in Agriculture Market

Waukegan, Ill. The Drives & Motion Division of Yaskawa America, Inc. is pleased to announce a partnership with Valley® Water Management (VWM) to provide its iQpump1000® variable frequency drives for VWM pump stations.

Variable frequency drives ensure that pump motors function at optimal efficiency. They can dramatically boost efficiency and energy savings by preventing over pumping and over pressurizing of irrigation equipment.

“Yaskawa is the market leader in water pumping and agricultural applications for variable frequency drives,” said Wade Sikkink, director of Valley Water Management. “The iQpump1000 software has the most advanced features for efficiency, performance, and protection. Our customers want the best, which is why they come to Valley in the first place, so it was natural to forge this partnership.”

The Yaskawa iQpump1000 VFD will be sold as the Valley Water Management VFD at Valley dealerships.

Valley Water Management VFDs give growers:

- Money Savings – Energy savings produce meaningful cost savings
- Versatility – Multiple control options, including pressure, flow, and level
- Reliability – Field proven, thousands of units in operation
- Control – Yaskawa software designed for ag irrigation pumping

“The usage of water and the usage of energy are becoming two of the leading issues of the 21st century. By combining the two global leaders in our respective segments, customers will reap the benefits of this combined expertise and leadership”, said Mark Bernicky, Vice President of Yaskawa America.

“Valley Water Management continues to expand its product line to deliver comprehensive pumping solutions,” Sikkink said. “Our commitment to innovation and strong partnerships means growers can rely on Valley to meet all their irrigation needs.”

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About Yaskawa

The Drives & Motion Division of Yaskawa America, Inc. manufactures industrial automation equipment. Its products include industrial AC drives; commercial HVAC drives; spindle drives and motors; servo systems and machine controllers; and low-voltage industrial control switches. The company's products are used in a variety of industries that includes automotive, building automation, chemical, food/beverage, irrigation, machine tool, material handling, metal forming, oil/gas, packaging, pharmaceutical, power generation, solar, plastics and rubber, textile , and water/wastewater. Yaskawa America's Motoman Robotics Division makes industrial robots that can weld, assemble, cut and handle goods for manufacturers.

Yaskawa America, Inc. employs more than 1,000 people at its manufacturing facilities in Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin and in offices across the United States. For more information on the iQpump1000, please visit our website at www.yaskawa.com.

About Valley

Valley® Irrigation is the worldwide leader in precision irrigation. The Valley brand of center pivot, linear, and corner equipment provides solutions for conserving water and meeting the growing demand for food. To learn more about Valley Irrigation, visit www.valleyirrigation.com.

Valley's parent company, Valmont® Industries, is recognized throughout the world as an industry leader in engineered products and services for infrastructure and water-conserving agricultural irrigation equipment. To learn more about Valmont, visit www.valmont.com.