

Supporting the Supply Chain with Commissioning Spares

The Challenge

Babcock was delivering the Coleraine to Derry~Londonderry project in Northern Ireland and needed a reliable supply chain provider to support the entire project delivery but most importantly during the commissioning period.

Babcocks engagement with Unipart Rail provided the reassurance the project team required by holding key items at the project site as commissioning spares. There was also a mechanism to ensure the supply chain could react swiftly in the case of an out of hours emergency.

The location of the project made the support process slightly more complex, however Unipart Rail's robust supply chain solutions and proven logistics service, were tailored with the requirements of the Babcock Project Team to ensure all eventualities were covered, should an emergency situation arise.

The Solution

Unipart Rail's Commissioning Spares Solution was initiated by the Project Team, critical items were made available to the project team for an initial 3 month period, which was extended for a further month to include the final stages of testing.

The Commissioning Spares package was provided on-site in Northern Ireland under a 'hire' agreement. The materials were stored securely at the Babcock site in sealed containers and only used in an emergency situation and a charge is applied for items used.

On completion of the project the un-used items were returned to Unipart Rail, who conducted a full audit and confirmed the items used which will be paid for.

In addition to the commissioning spares service Unipart Rail also developed an enhanced Emergency call out procedure, this wasn't required during this project due to the quality material planning process and the correct items being supplied as commissioning spares.

The enhancement was that if Babcock used the service Unipart Rail would utilise an Irish carrier that we had on stand-by, this was part of the enhancement because we normally focus on the UK for emergencies.

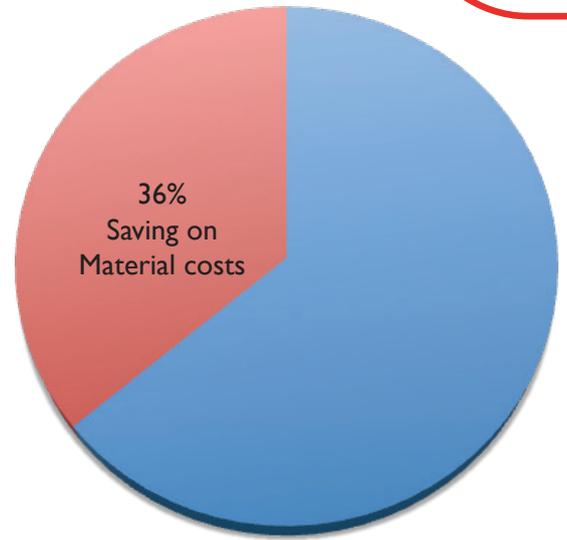
Another key process enhancement that was implemented meant that if Babcock used the call out service for an item that was not available from Unipart Rail stock we could capture the detail and, this would then alert our customer service team on the next working day and they would immediately expedite the required items.



The Results

- Babcock 'hired' 43 units from Unipart Rail for a period of four months
- 10 units were used during the commissioning period
- 33 units were returned to Unipart Rail

By utilising the Unipart Rail Commissioning Spares service, Babcock saved the Project £4,906.30, this represents a 36% saving of the potential costs if all items had been purchased by Babcock before the commissioning period commenced.



The Feedback

Stephen Williams - Commercial Manager, Babcock commented:

"I'd like to thank Unipart Rail and the team for the pragmatic and collaborative approach you have brought to the not inconsiderable logistics (and invoicing) challenges of such a large project in a new location, it's much appreciated".

Adrian McKenna - Project Engineer, Coleraine to Derry Project

"Thanks again for the support provided by Unipart Rail on the Coleraine to Derry~Londonderry Project. It has been appreciated".



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