

The Hershey Company

Renovation, Relocation, and Expansion of Manufacturing Facility



When Hershey embarked on the conversion of an abandoned brownfield factory into a new candy manufacturing facility in Mexico, SSOE was asked to join the design / build team that turned it into a viable production facility for its chocolate products. With a history of success on fast-track food projects, the team was able to immediately respond to the challenging project demands, which allowed for parallel design and construction.

SSOE's scope entailed design for the addition of 300,000 SF of process and packaging space, which included nine production lines, an 85,000 SF warehouse, a new 15,000 SF cafeteria, and a new substation. SSOE also designed in-plant laboratory space and consulted with Hershey on the purchasing of utility equipment.

The original facility was not in compliance with U.S. food processing standards. SSOE provided expertise in this area throughout the facility design.

SSOE was able to provide an optimal design solution by enlisting the best labor force and working with local government and community agencies. Early bid packages for site, sewer, and foundation were issued within two-three months of project award. In the end, SSOE helped Hershey meet its ultimate goal, under budget and on schedule. What resulted was a state-of-the-art facility four times larger than its initial size meeting strict FDA standards.

value promise

Fast-track conversion of abandoned brownfield factory into full-fledged food manufacturing facility. Modified original site layout saving \$500,000.

size 500,000 SF

location Monterrey, Mexico

highlights

Aggressive five-month timeline

Early Bid Packages for site, sewer and foundation were issued within two-three months of project award

Renovation of abandoned plant

International project meeting U.S. FDA standards