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Plant Design Awards: Special Honors, Outstanding Plant-on-Premises: Skylark Dry Cleaning

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — Skylark Dry Cleaning, owned by Andrew Gaspard, started with route service from a plant in an industrial area. When looking to expand, the business purchased a freestanding building to add a retail store front. Skylark offers dry cleaning, wet cleaning, alterations, in-car service, a 24-hour lobby with lockers, and retail sales from soda to soap.

The production floor in the 6,236-square-foot plant features a Union dry cleaning machine with GreenEarth, Micell CO2 dry cleaning machine, Wascomat wet cleaning equipment, and Unipress finishing and tensioning equipment and shirt units. SPOT Business Systems software is utilized for computer-assisted assembly.

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Sheldon Bray of Cleaner's Mentor Consulting created the plant layout. McMonigal Architects served as project architect.

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