Application: Monitoring blower motor speed and vent position
Type Of company: Equipment Manufacturer -- Centrifugal Air Compressors
Location: Missouri

Problem: This customer manufactures high efficiency, centrifugal air compressors for municipal wastewater aeration, and a myriad of industrial process applications. These systems are used to provide instrumentation and controls for the downstream aeration system, and perform instrumentation/controls upgrades for all makes of centrifugal blowers/compressors. The customer required signal conversion/isolation on a 4-20 mA control loop and a resistance feedback loop for blower louver position. The units the customer was using had an isolated sourcing 4-20 mA output. This means they are generating their own current loop but the SLC500 programmable Logic controller (PLC) required a single ended input.

Solution: API modified versions of their existing DC to DC converter and their Potentiometer to DC converter and then assigned customer specific part numbers for the customer.

Alternate Solution: APD 2208—This is a two channel unit with one channel being a potentiometer input and the other a DC input.