

# HIGHER QUALITY. LOWER RISK.

“Close enough” just doesn’t cut it. You need built-in quality standards to ensure consistent performance from your fabricated structural material.

You need precise tolerances maintained for efficient fabrication and erection. You need predictable results. You need the comfort that comes with knowing your design standards are being upheld in the final product. You need to reduce your risk while maintaining the highest level of quality, and steel can deliver on all of these needs.

You need domestically produced steel that is fabricated by an AISC certified fabricator and installed by a certified erector.

No other building material can offer the same quality, over and over again. The steel supply chain is more technologically advanced than any other building material. Steel is fabricated in controlled conditions so what arrives on your jobsite is precisely what you were expecting.

## THE GOLD STANDARD FOR CONSISTENT QUALITY

Structural steel has the most robust quality certification program of any framing material. AISC Certification has set the standards high since its introduction in 1976—and more than 1,600 U.S. fabricators and erectors around the country currently hold Certifications.

AISC-certified fabricators and erectors focus on error prevention instead of error correction so that issues are fixed before they arrive on the jobsite. That’s why it’s the most recognized quality certification program in the construction industry—and why other industries use AISC Certification as a model when they set out to establish or advance their own certification programs.

## Steel: The obvious choice

No other structural material can match domestically fabricated structural steel.

Structural steel can **SUPERCHARGE YOUR PROJECT SCHEDULE** because you can design, fabricate, and construct a steel building 50% faster than you could just a few years ago.

Steel is the **MOST RESILIENT STRUCTURAL MATERIAL** because it boasts superior ductility, the highest strength-to-weight ratio, and can be easily repaired.

Structural steel is the **MOST SUSTAINABLE MATERIAL** because it is made from recycled scrap using pure electricity—in fact, it will continue to get greener as the power grid incorporates more renewable energy.

Structural steel is the **MOST EFFICIENT MATERIAL** because its high strength-to-weight ratio allows longer spans, fewer and smaller columns, and larger bays—you can maximize open space today and easily adapt for future reuse.

Structural steel is an **INCREDIBLY ECONOMICAL CHOICE** because its offsite fabrication streamlines the construction process, saving time and money. Bring a structural steel fabricator onto your project team early to save around 70% on your steel package!

Structural steel is a **RELIABLE CHOICE** because it has the most robust quality certification program out there, which is designed to prevent errors instead of correcting them.



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## Specify excellence, every time—for projects small and large

You don't have time to qualify every firm that bids on your project. Good news: AISC Certification has already done it for you. Only fabrication facilities and erection companies that have successfully completed AISC Certification's rigorous quality management system (QMS) audits and review process hold AISC Certification.

When you specify AISC Certification, you can be confident you'll get high-quality results from companies that have the personnel, organization, experience, documented procedures, knowledge, equipment, and commitment to perform outstanding fabrication, manufacturing, and/or erection.



## What AISC Certification means

This isn't a product inspection to investigate a problem—it's much more comprehensive. Our audits include a comprehensive eligibility review, a documentation audit, and an in-person site visit to verify that a company's day-to-day operations match the documented procedures from its quality management system—in other words, they actually do what they say they do.

And we go back every single year and do the whole thing all over again. All Certification participants, from the smallest shops to the largest companies are subject to the same level of inspection, and must set specific goals to continually improve over time.

### **SPECIFY CERTIFIED TO SAVE TIME AND MONEY**

Most authority-having jurisdictions (AHJs) approve AISC-certified fabricators as a matter of course, which streamlines any required special inspections. Fabricators will perform these inspections as required by Chapter N in AISC 360 with in-house experts, saving you the cost (and time) of hiring a third-party special inspection company.

Visit [aisc.org/certification](https://www.aisc.org/certification) to find a certified fabricator or erector in your neighborhood or across the country.



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