

Foundation Steel Recognized for Industry-Leading Standards Across Complex Structural Steel Projects

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Foundation Steel, LLC has been officially certified by the American Institute of Steel Construction as a Certified Erector, a designation the company describes as one tool in their consistent quality improvement effort rather than an endpoint.

The AISC certification program is designed to confirm for owners, designers, builders, and public officials that certified participants have the personnel, organization, documented procedures, knowledge, equipment, and experience to perform erection in accordance with program criteria. The program requires third-party audits and periodic site inspections. Charlotte Dymarkowski, President and CEO of Foundation Steel, said the company pursued certification to adopt the systems and discipline embedded in the AISC program.

"The designation represents another beginning in a continuous-improvement effort focused on execution discipline, documentation, and accountability across projects," Dymarkowski said.

Foundation Steel reports that fewer than 10 percent of structural steel erectors in the United States hold AISC certification. The company stated that its preparation process involved developing a more formal, repeatable management system and establishing documented procedures intended to support consistent outcomes from mobilization through project completion.

The company's erection scope supports a multi-discipline delivery model that spans pre-construction planning, structural framing, bar joists, and metal deck installation through final erection ? a turnkey approach the company applies across healthcare facilities, automotive plants, and large distribution centers. Foundation Steel also reports experience coordinating bridge work and precast integration on projects where structural sequencing affects downstream trades and schedule performance.

Foundation Steel's quality and safety framework includes a dedicated safety director, full-time site safety officers, job-specific safety planning, and on-site oversight during lifting, rigging, welding, and connection work. The company reports that training practices include regular safety briefings and continuing education for all field personnel, supported by dedicated risk management coordination roles. Advanced project management practices, including 3D modeling integration, support scheduling precision and buildability review before materials arrive on site.

In addition to structural steel erection, Foundation Steel provides concrete reinforcing and post-tensioning services, pre-engineered metal buildings, overhead crane solutions, and design assist consulting. The company is a woman-owned business enterprise and notes that structural steel, a primary material across its project portfolio, is among the most recycled building materials in use today. Foundation Steel has operated from its Swanton, Ohio headquarters since 2008, with additional offices in Detroit, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati, and deploys teams on projects nationally.

The company has received external recognition connected to completed projects, including a 2022 Metal Building of the Year award from the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association and recognition in Metal Construction News' 2021 Metal Construction Hall of Fame. Foundation Steel was also featured in the August 2025 issue of Ironworker Magazine, highlighting rebar projects in Ohio and Michigan.

Foundation Steel describes its field workforce as union-affiliated, with journeyman-certified ironworkers and construction professionals experienced in heavy industrial and commercial metalwork. The company reports that many members of its erection teams bring more than 15 years of field experience, and that scalable manpower deployment is intended to help maintain consistent production when project schedules compress.

For more information about Foundation Steel and its structural steel erectors capabilities, visit Foundation Steel Structural Steel Erectors.

Foundation Steel is a woman-owned, family-operated structural steel erector and concrete reinforcing contractor headquartered in Swanton, Ohio. The company serves general contractors and construction managers across the Midwest and nationally, with offices in Toledo, Detroit, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati.

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Foundation Steel LLC in Swanton, Ohio, specializes in structural steel fabrication and erection. Committed to quality, safety, and customer satisfaction, they offer reliable, innovative solutions for commercial and industrial construction projects.

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