



# Testimonials

Direct Steel and Construction is privileged to serve a multitude of clients in achieving their construction goals. Since 2004, Direct Steel has worked tirelessly to ensure the best experiences for businesses and government agencies. We take great pride in our work and are humbled by the many positive endorsements received over the years.

1. “I highly recommend the team at Direct Steel, who effectively managed every step of our relocation by working closely with our architects and contractors to ensure quality work. The team is available at a moment’s notice and oversees every aspect of the job, troubleshooting effectively within the budget to meet construction timelines. I am thrilled with the ease and affordability of our relocation, and I highly recommend Direct Steel for construction management and buyer’s rep services.”

  - Summer Kelly, Executive Director – Mothers’ Milk Bank of the Western Great Lakes
2. “The communications throughout the project are second to none. With a daily onsite manager, I NEVER found myself looking for answers, rather the onsite manager was approaching me daily with updates/changes before a question would present itself. This was truly a TEAM effort. Knowing the Direct team was handling our rebuild relieved an inordinate amount of stress so I could stay focused on my job at hand and not left to worry about the building of the new terminal. I could not recommend Direct Steel, LLC enough. Having managed numerous facilities over the years from very small up to multibillion dollar operations, I could not imagine hiring anyone else for my properties/construction needs as nothing is too small, or too large for these folks.”

  - Craig Eugene, The Kenan Advantage Group
3. “I have done 3 major construction/ remodeling projects in my 21 years of business and had less than stellar experiences. My current project with Direct Steel is going so smoothly that I have to pinch myself to remind myself this is real. Direct’s team has been a true advocate for me and my project. They’ve listened and learned what I really need, they have given great advice, brought great partners to the table and executed everything in a timely, cost conscious and professional manner. I highly recommend Direct and would not dream of doing another project with anyone else!”

  - Andrea Herrera, Amazing Edibles Gourmet Catering



4. “It’s been a pleasure working with Direct Steel on both of our major renovations in the last 7 years. Their attentiveness, communication and integrity is second to none. We look forward to working with them on our next major project, the complete renovation of Martin Chevrolet in Crystal Lake.”
  - Todd Martin
  
5. “The team at Direct fully understands our goals. Their services facilitated real and substantial contributions to all goals being met.”
  - Mike, Fleetech Inc.
  
6. “Direct Steel provided thorough and invested service. Accommodating unique design and coordination conditions with the metal building package was undertaken with enthusiasm and resourcefulness.”
  - Tom Meyer, Aspen Group Architect
  
7. “Direct Steel was a godsend on this project. Thank you sincerely for the help you provided me. I doubt whether we could have wrapped up the project successfully without your good work early on. I will be looking for future opportunities to partner with you again.”
  - Rob McElroy
  
8. “While one may not initially think of construction as being a personal heartfelt experience, it is very personal when building a space you have dreamed of for years. To have your own plan become a reality, needs the attentive ear of the company doing the construction to not just build, but to create your masterpiece with their skill and work intertwined. The quality and confidence that working with Direct Steel... offered, is an invaluable resource when embarking on a project where success has such a personal value.”
  - Drs. Preston and Liesl Kaye, Kaye Eyecare of Huntley, Ltd.
  
9. “I’m grateful to have the opportunity to work with a team like yours and watch you succeed.”
  - Tom Mazur Sr.
  
10. “I heard many, many, compliments about your presentation. I mentioned that one person said that you were the best speaker we have ever had at our group. Well done! Erik Hultman.”
  - UberBlue Digital Media



11. “It is always a great experience to work with Direct Steel on projects. They are very competitive, and their proposals are detailed. They go the extra mile to assist when opportunities arise. With their knowledgeable Project Managers, I know the project will be completed right. I would highly recommend Direct Steel.”
  - Marc Gilman, JJ Henderson
  
12. “Big ‘Thank You’ for the thoughtful, quality work you and your team did! Your commitment to the project and to helping us achieve our goal of a beautiful facility at a reasonable price was noteworthy!”
  - Denise Nash The Josselyn Center
  
13. “Direct's knowledge of the industry and up front communication style saved us time and money. We highly recommend Direct’s services.”
  - Maud Borup, Inc.
  
14. “Faced with budget and time constraints, Cobblestone sought the services of Direct Steel. With the building design in hand and as an authorized VP distributor, Direct Steel, LLC worked closely with Varco Pruden Buildings to provide structural design, which was quoted, supplied, delivered in only four weeks, and erected in a timely manner. Direct Steel provided professional and knowledgeable service for our Sports City Academy. The staff’s attention to our needs and detail allowed our goals to be accomplished. I readily recommend Direct Steel's services.”
  - Jack Porter, Cobblestone
  
15. “I just wanted to let you know that I am very pleased with the work that – Direct Steel performed for our redesign. The space looks terrific. It is an amazing transformation. Thank you for your expertise and work with us. If you ever wish to use me as a reference, please do. We made the right decision in choosing you for our project!”
  - Nichols Aluminum
  
16. “We have been fortunate enough to do a number of post construction cleans for Direct Steel over the years. They have their projects well thought out and orchestrated. They give us great notice of when the job will be done, so we can schedule and do our job in a professional manner. They are not a ‘last minute- rush to get it done’ company. They do quality work and they are one of the most professional companies we have worked for in our 28 years in business. Working with them makes us look good. They are great.”
  - John Pletz, President, ServiceMaster by Pletz



17. “Provides great customer service and hands on management expertise.”
  - Jim Austgen
  
18. “Direct Steel, ...was very responsive in meeting challenges during both the design and the construction phases of this complex project.”
  - Frega Associates, Ltd. Architect
  
19. “Very positive experiences working with Direct Steel and Construction. Responsive, knowledgeable, and a top-notch firm.”
  - Roseanne Park-Jones
  
20. “Because of Direct’s commitment to delivering above and beyond contract requirements, it continues to sustain and fuel growth.”
  - WDBC, Freida Curry
  
21. “The team at Direct Steel and Construction is competent, experienced, and motivated to meet and exceed their customer's expectations in a timely, efficient, and professional manner.”
  - Mike Ralph
  
22. “Simply put, a unique atmosphere where a tremendous amount of effort is put fourth towards humbly sharing knowledge. A true team environment, completely committed to each and every customer!”
  - Dave Mata
  
23. “The team at Direct fully understands our goals. Their services facilitated real and substantial contributions to all goals being met. Direct Steel provided thorough and invested service. Accommodating unique design and coordination conditions with the metal building package undertaken with enthusiasm and resourcefulness”
  - Tom Meyer, Aspen Group Architects
  
24. “Thank you for your continued excellent products and services.”
  - Bob Moser, Unilock Chicago, Inc.
  
25. “Direct offers refreshingly impressive holistic approach to construction projects. I've witnessed the substantial benefits of this approach. My clients were certainly the beneficiaries of aligned scope, budget, schedule, quality and safety.”
  - Brian LeVay, Latimer LeVay Fyock LLC



26. "I have nothing but good things to say about working with Direct Steel and would be happy to say record to anyone."  
- Eric Cann
27. "Direct Steel LLC provided exceptional results and went above and beyond to address our needs. The project was fast tracked from the start. Short deadlines and difficult deliverables were met continually to start and complete the project. Direct Steel started by helping to finalize permit, find tax savings, organize vendors, contracts, and timelines. During the project, Direct Steel managed multiple competing priorities, constant adjustments, helped trouble shoot, and organized numerous subcontractors. This included working on weekends, extended hours, and at times overnight. All of this was done with excellent communication and customer service. Direct Steel is helping us to find savings and potential tax credits. The whole process of working with Direct Steel LLC has been great."  
- Medline Industries, Inc.
28. "I highly recommend Direct Steel as they helped my business purchase and remodel our new building. They have tremendous experience; not just in construction but with helping find the right building, coordinating with our realtor and looking out for our best interests. They are reasonably priced, but you need to look past the money because the time they save you is huge. The amount of money they have saved us with the purchase negotiation and throughout the project was huge. A great company."  
- Financial Strategies Group, LLC
29. "WOW this is beautiful, nice work by your crews!!!!"  
- Laura Franz, Transitional Living Services (TLS Veterans)
30. "After working on a multitude of industrial and corporate projects across the U.S. over the years our team can't say enough about the added-value the Direct Steel team brings to the table. From smaller tenant improvement projects, to Build to Suits of facilities, to Owner's Rep, the knowledge base and attention to detail of the overall team is unmatched to any I have worked with over the 20+ years of my industrial/corporate real estate brokerage services career."  
- Mike Hawryluk Managing Principal ICG Chicago
31. "Direct has always been extremely professional and dedicated to their business. The business has always been run efficiently and with incredible dedication to the industry. You will always get an honest assessment, a fair discussion and eventually a true friend."  
- Ed Dernulc



32. “Really great company, extremely experienced, very knowledgeable, great communication, attention to detail. Has been smooth sailing all along. Highly recommend!!”
  - Andrius Petkunas
  
33. “The Contractor’s rate of completion...allowed...day-to-day operations to be restored in a timely manner. By completing the project ahead of schedule, the Contractor was able to avoid any difficulties that could have been encountered due to winter-like weather conditions.”
  - CPAR Evaluation by Joshua Dobereiner, USDA Agricultural Research Service
  
34. “I work with a number of construction management companies throughout the USA. Direct Steel’s capabilities and their coordination with contractors is a 12 out of 10. My staff enjoys working with them on any of their projects.”
  - Ira Katz
  
35. “I have worked with Direct Steel on various facility projects across the US and continue to be pleasantly surprised on most projects at the expedited and ultra efficient teamwork they have consistently provided for their clients. Their process and structure are impeccable.”
  - Michael Hawryluk
  
36. “Direct Steel did an amazing job on our new PEMB! The new facility will streamline our operations while providing a beautiful new working environment for our employees.”
  - Jarret Niese, Precious Metal Refining Services
  
37. “Having worked with their...construction team for years now, I can certainly say they are very professional, knowledgeable and I would give them more stars if I could. Highly recommend you contact them as part of your due diligence process.”
  - Scott Baker
  
38. “Direct Steel is a top-notch GC firm. Rosemary and her team provide excellent work and truly look out for their clients’ best interests.”
  - Matt Sloan
  
39. “Direct Steel is a top-notch General Contractor and Builder. Rosemary and team are very professional, detail oriented and they focus on delivering a great customer experience. I would highly recommend working with Direct Steel.”
  - Austin Hess



40. “You can be certain your construction project and investment is in good hands with Direct Steel and Construction.”
  - Mollie Hughes
41. “Absolutely. First Class.”
  - Michael Montford
42. “There is no one better to work with than [the Direct Steel] team. Their customer focus, knowledge, experience, and attention to detail is second to none. They are great partners to help you reach your goals!”
  - Kimberly Svoboda
43. “Our company is currently working with Direct Steel on a major project for our company, and the experience so far has been outstanding. From the very beginning, the team has been consultative, organized, responsive, and very professional. What stands out most is their thorough understanding of our project needs, their clear communication and ability to stay on schedule without compromising quality. Every phase of the project has been handled with care, and their crew has been respectful, safety-conscious, and easy to work with on-site. It’s clear that Direct Steel takes great pride in their work, and we feel confident knowing our project is in capable hands. We’re excited to see the finished result and have no doubt it will exceed expectations. I highly recommend Direct Steel and know that you will not be disappointed if you select Direct Steel as your contractor!”
  - Lisa McClellan, CEO, Wheatland Athletic Association
44. “Rosemary, President of [Direct Steel and Construction](#), is a powerful example of BOLD Leadership in action—shaping her industry through vision, determination, and a commitment to doing things the right way.”
  - Kimberly Svoboda
45. “Many of Judson’s building partners were present for the celebration, underscoring the collaborative effort behind the project. The general contractor for the project was Direct Steel and Construction in Crystal Lake, Ill. As a token of appreciation and a symbol of Judson’s growing athletic tradition, ...[Direct Steel] was presented with a commemorative Judson football by a member of the Judson football team. The gesture honored their role in bringing the facility to life and marked a milestone for the university as Judson prepares to host home football games on campus beginning this fall.”
  - Judson University



46. We completed a large commercial transformation with Direct Steel and Construction for a mutual client. The transaction involved millions of dollars. However, the knowledge and experience they brought to the transaction were worth their weight in gold. I have recommended them to several clients since and will continue to do so. If you want to know how to do a project correctly, contact Direct Steel. Direct Steel and Construction provided both efficiency and beautiful work.

- S. Fergus