

CODE OF ETHICS AND STANDARD PRACTICES

The practice of structural steel detailing demands integrity of the highest order. The service provided by the detailer is such that any departure from the highest standards is very quickly brought to light by poor results in the fabrication and erection of structural steel.

To assist in providing and maintaining the best possible service commensurate with the highest standards of ethics and practices, the following shall be a guide to the everyday practice of a member of NESDA.

RELATIONS WITH DETAILERS

- The structural steel detailer will do his utmost to further the integrity and dignity of structural steel detailing and protect it from misrepresentation and misunderstanding.
- He will strive to provide quality service while upholding the principal of adequate and appropriate recognition.
- He will not directly or indirectly injure the reputation or prospects of another structural steel detailer.
- He will exercise due restraint in criticizing the work of other detailers, recognizing that NESDA provide proper forums for technical discussions and criticisms.

RELATIONS WITH CLIENT

- The structural steel detailer will not disclose information regarding his client's business.
- He will keep fully informed and be continuously aware of the newest techniques, processes, methods and materials available to the industry so that he may provide the best possible service to his client.
- He will become familiar with the standards and requirements of the fabricator and know the equipment and methods with which his client will fabricate the job.
- He will provide accurate shop detail drawings and erection plans of the highest quality with full regard for efficiency and economy in detailing, fabrication and erection.
- He will inform his client of any condition that in his opinion may endanger public safety whether it is the client's responsibility or not.
- He will protect his client by keeping him informed of any additional items required by the Engineer or owner which may result in higher costs or revised scheduling.
- He will impress his client with the necessity of informing him of, and consulting with him with regard to any problems that may arise in connection with the detailing or fabrication of the job so that the detailer can assist in effecting prompt solutions and minimizing expense.
- He will stipulate that he will be guided solely by the information set forth in the engineer's design drawings and specifications, unless the Engineer has made reference therein (by specific page and paragraph number) to information appearing in architectural drawings and/or specifications or in other material furnished to the detailer in connection with the job.
- Whenever practicable, he will not proceed with extra work until the necessity and cost thereof has been agreed to and authorized in writing by his client.
- Whenever practicable, he will use the industry form of contract, so that fabricators may become acquainted with and conform to, our standard industry practice.
- He will fulfill all contract agreements and obligations including delivery schedules.

RELATIONS WITH ENGINEERS

- The structural steel detailer will study the design drawings and specifications to understand the Engineer's intent and to maintain it throughout the structural steel details.
- He will obtain the Engineer's approval of strength of all connections before details are started, recognizing the Engineer's professional responsibility for the integrity of the structure and the strength and safety of all members including connections.
- He will cooperate with the Engineer by listing all missing information required to complete the details and request this at the earliest possible time.
- He will inform the Engineer of any errors or ambiguous information on the design drawings that he may discover while detailing; but shall not be responsible for these errors or misinformation if not discovered.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER TRADES

- If directed by his client, the structural steel detailer will provide the location of the structural steel and connections to the steel for the use of other trades on the job; provided that such other trades furnish the information to the detailer in a workmanlike and timely fashion.
- He will cooperate with other trades commensurate with his agreement with his client.