Virtual Design & Construction: Steel
What is VDC Steel? The innovative application of SSOE’s virtual design technology that seamlessly integrates steel design, fabrication, and erection delivering exceptional quality with reduced cost and a faster schedule.

Critical path schedules. Fluctuating material prices and availability. Significant investment. A complex path from engineer to detailer to fabricator to erector. Each step adds cost. Each step is an opportunity for error. The combination of these factors makes structural steel installation one of the most critical factors in project success.

SSOE’s Virtual Design and Construction (VDC) Steel enables you to minimize the risk and cost of structural steel while delivering the quality your facility demands. Our virtual technology brings the handoffs from the field into the office. VDC Steel not only streamlines these steps, it also transforms the software used for designing, detailing, and installing into one virtual environment. It enables you to view each step and make decisions early in the project, saving you time, trouble, and money later.

An added advantage is SSOE’s 65+ years of structural steel expertise. We’ve installed structural steel into facilities in 30+ countries for thousands of clients. With over 200 engineers registered in 50 states, no one is more qualified to manage your steel from concept to installation than SSOE.

Advantages of VDC Steel

Streamlined and seamless integration through one virtual model that produces:
- Fabricator-ready models
- Approved shop drawings
- CNC programs
- Mill order lists

Exceptional quality
- Advanced clash detection
- Limited field errors
- Methodical control from design through construction

Reduced cost
- Optimized detailing in a virtual environment
- Accurate bids and estimates
- Reduction in field change-orders

Reduced schedule by a minimum of 4 weeks
- Steel lead times
- Design and approval process
- Analysis and options
SSOE’s commitment to documenting savings on our projects equal to our fee, known as our Value Promise, has resulted in a culture that inspires us to constantly look for better ways to do things. Often our improvements are small, incremental steps. Others are innovations—significant shifts in how we approach your project. VDC Steel is one of those shifts.

Representative Schedule Compression through VDC Steel

Traditional Detail / Management Method — Sequential Process

- Preliminary design
- Design drawings
- Review / Award to fabricator
- Bidding
- Shop drawing generation
- Review / Approval
- Fabrication

Detailing / Management with VDC Steel — Concurrent Processes

- Preliminary design
- Develop 3D design / Analysis model
- Design drawings
- 3D Detailing
- Bidding / Review / Award to fabricator
- Fabrication

Timeline

Potential Schedule Compression through VDC Steel

*Based on 500 tons  Source: Engineering News-Record
SSOE Facts

• SSOE was founded in 1948 and currently has more than 20 locations worldwide.
• We are a global engineering, procurement, and construction management (EPCM) firm with projects in more than 30 countries.
• SSOE returned 126% of our fee to clients in projects savings over the last 3 years.
• Greater than 91% of clients surveyed would recommend SSOE to a colleague.
• 150 of our clients have worked with SSOE for more than 20 years.
• Our project management standards are drawn from the Project Management Institute. In fact, SSOE’s goal is to have all of our project managers earn the prestigious designation of Certified Project Management Professional (PMP).
• SSOE offers program management services from design through construction, to commissioning and start-up, for seamless project delivery.
• Our energy consulting services offer a holistic approach to meeting your renewable energy, conservation, and sustainable design goals. We have more than $1 billion in projects that have been LEED® certified.

Locations
Albany, NY
Alliance, OH
Atlanta, GA
Birmingham, AL
Chandler, AZ
Cincinnati, OH
Columbus, OH
Denver, CO
Hamburg, Germany
Huntsville, AL
Kalamazoo, MI
León, Mexico
Lima, OH
Midland, MI
Mobile, AL
Monterrey, Mexico
Mumbai, India
Nashville, TN
Omaha, NE
Penang, Malaysia
Portland, OR
Raleigh-Durham, NC
Riverside, CA
Santa Clara, CA
São Paulo, Brazil
Shanghai, China
St. Paul, MN
Toledo, OH
Troy, MI
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Telecommunications

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Architecture
Construction management
Data / Fire / Security
Energy consulting
Engineering
Master planning
Procurement
Project / Program management
Site selection
Tool install
Virtual Design and Construction

Rankings
Engineering News-Record (ENR), 2015
• Top 5 Automotive Plant Design Firm for the past 8 years
• Top 5 Semiconductor Design Firm for the past 3 years
• Top 10 Food and Beverage Design Firm for the past 9 years
• Top 10 Solar Power Design Firm for the past 6 years
• Top 10 Manufacturing Design Firm for the past 4 years
• Top 20 Chemical Plant Design Firm for the past decade
• Top 20 Industrial Process Design Firm for the past decade

ENR Global Sourcebook, 2014
• 6th International Automotive Assembly Design Firm

Building Design + Construction, 2015
• Top 10 BIM Engineering Firm for the past 4 years
• Top 10 Engineering / Architecture Firm for the past 3 years
• Top 10 Industrial Sector Engineering Firm for the past 3 years