

Conference Preview

Ask a Bridge Fabricator

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NSBA is excited to host a one-of-a-kind interactive bridge fabricator panel discussion at this year's World Steel Bridge Symposium, part of the 2022 NASCC: The Steel Conference.

Tapping into the expertise of multiple structural steel fabricators, the panel discussion will focus on the major steps of the fabrication process, and attendees will have the opportunity to ask the panel specific questions. Steps/topics include:

- using contract plans and specifications to develop their bids
- developing shop drawings and the key geometric checkpoints
- assembling girder and cross-frame pieces in the shop
- delivering fabricated girders and components to the job site

Discussion is anticipated to inform attendees how their personal design decisions, details, and specifications can affect the fabrication of steel bridges. Representatives from five different-sized fabrication companies will participate in this panel discussion, offering useful information for designers of bridge projects of any size.

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Want to learn more? Check out the NASCC: The Steel Conference session "What Bridge Designers Always Wanted to Know About Fabrication." NASCC takes place March 23-25 in Denver. To learn more about the conference, register, and sign up for this session (and others), visit [aisc.org.nascc](https://aisc.org/nascc).