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Direct Metals® Company, LLC Provides Fiberglass Plates for Franklin-Orleans Street Bridge

Kennesaw, GA – Direct Metals®, an international steel service center with locations in Kennesaw, GA and Pleasant Prairie, WI, supplied fiberglass gritted plates for the historic Franklin-Orleans Street Bridge in Chicago, IL.

Direct Metals® supplied 108 units (1,191 square feet) of dark gray, half-inch thick IFR-25 resin pultruded fiberglass floor gritted plates featuring medium grit surface, specifically fabricated for use on walkways across this bascule bridge. The selection of gray plates not only enhances the bridge's aesthetic but also provides a lasting, maintenance-free route for the city.

The choice of pultruded fiberglass gritted plates for this project was driven by its corrosion resistance and durable properties, which are essential for walkways exposed to continuous pedestrian use and diverse weather conditions. These fiberglass gritted plates, available in various colors, can be custom-fabricated to meet specific project requirements.

"It's our pleasure to fulfill the specialty metal and fiberglass needs of our clientele nationwide," stated Tom Hoover, President of Direct Metals®. "The durability of our pultruded fiberglass material under harsh weather conditions makes it a preferred choice for many of our customer's walkway projects."

Founded in 1996, Direct Metals® is a leader in industrial and specialty metal products. They carry one of the largest inventories in the nation of perforated metal, bar grating, expanded metal, safety grating, fiberglass grating, architectural metals, handrail components, and wire mesh products. The company's products are available in carbon steel, stainless steel, aluminum, copper, brass, bronze, fiberglass, or galvanized metal.

Direct Metals® offers many processing capabilities, including cutting, shearing, sawing, punching, cut-outs, welding, slitting, blanking, burning, fabrication, and various special finishes. The company also provides expedient shipping, with orders for in-stock material placed by noon and shipped the same day. Direct Metals® has served customers in the United States and worldwide for over twenty years.

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