

# ProSTUD™

Drywall Framing System

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## **Contractor Insight Spurs Co-Development of ProSTUD™ Drywall Framing System**

*Leading Steel Manufacturers Meet the Needs of Steel Framing Industry with New Drywall Framing System*

**WEST CHESTER, Ohio, August 17, 2009** – Engineers from leading steel framing manufacturers, ClarkWestern Building Systems, and Dietrich Metal Framing, a Worthington Industries company (NYSE:WOR), are co-developing the ProSTUD™ Drywall Framing System – the industry’s next generation of drywall framing technology.

The patent pending ProSTUD Drywall Framing System combines innovative design with high-strength steel to set a new industry benchmark for high-performance drywall framing. The components in the system are lightweight and feature a number of technological advances to enhance stiffness. ProSTUD has also been extensively field-tested for quality and ease of installation.

“The performance benefits of the ProSTUD system are truly unmatched in the market today,” said John Roberts, president of Dietrich Metal Framing. “Not only is ProSTUD easy to handle and install, it is a more efficient alternative to conventional framing as it requires less steel, which benefits contractors, architects and building owners.”

“ProSTUD is an industry-changing product designed with the contractor in mind,” said Bill Courtney, president and CEO of ClarkWestern Building Systems. “Through creative efforts like this, we will continue to raise the bar in innovation to provide our customers with the most efficient and cost-effective steel framing products.”

While Dietrich Metal Framing and ClarkWestern Building Systems are co-developing the ProSTUD Drywall Framing System, they will be independently selling ProSTUD products. The first manufacturing facility conversions for ProSTUD Drywall Framing System will take place in the fourth quarter of 2009. For more information and an up-to-date launch schedule for ProSTUD Drywall Framing System, visit [www.clarkwestern.com](http://www.clarkwestern.com) or [www.dietrichmetalframing.com](http://www.dietrichmetalframing.com).

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**About ClarkWestern Building Systems**

ClarkWestern Building Systems manufactures a full line of drywall studs and accessories, structural studs and joists, metal lath and accessories, and shaft wall studs and track. Quality manufacturing, a full-line inventory offering, engineering services, and responsive customer service all combine to make ClarkWestern Building Systems one of the largest and fastest growing manufacturers of light gauge steel framing in the United States.

**About Dietrich Metal Framing**

Dietrich Metal Framing is the leading manufacturer of light-gauge framing and finishing products, systems and services for commercial and residential construction. Dietrich's employees use state-of-the-art equipment and in-house metallurgic labs to ensure superior product performance and competitive prices. Dietrich Metal Framing, founded in 1959, is a Worthington Industries Company.

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