



Klute, Inc. Nebraska headquarters



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## ProNest integration with FabSuite benefits fabricator

**Industry:** Fabrication

**Equipment:** ProNest®, FabSuite™

### The company and products

Klute, Inc. of York, Nebraska is a builder of electrical substations. The company fabricates a variety of parts and structures from plate, beam, and tube.

### The problem

Despite running a successful business, Klute was struggling in the area of inventory management. “We weren’t doing a good job of tracking plate inventory and we didn’t know how much we were using,” explained Jordan Klute, Operations Manager.

Then came new business opportunities that would double or triple Klute’s plate processing. “If we didn’t do something about our inventory we were going to be in a bad spot,” said Jordan.

### The solution

So Klute turned to its existing software providers (ProNest nesting software and FabSuite steel management software) who both offer plate inventory management solutions including databases to store and track plates and remnants.

That’s when Klute learned of the new software integration being offered by ProNest and FabSuite designed to link the two products together for seamless data transfer.

“It was a natural fit for us,” said Jordan, “we did not hesitate to move forward right away.”

### The benefits

Now Klute’s inventory is entered into FabSuite upon delivery to the facility. Job information including parts and plates is passed to ProNest when it’s ready for nesting. And once nesting is complete, the plate usage and remnant information is passed back to FabSuite automatically.

“Being able to track inventory is a big deal,” said Jordan. “And now we’re able to do that throughout the entire workflow. It only requires us to enter the data one time, and inventory is 100% up to date.”

With data in hand, Klute can now track job costs, calculate margins, and keep inventory holding costs to a minimum. “It was a bit of a surprise to realize exactly the volume of plate we previously had on hand,” explained Jordan.

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