

AWS/SkillsUSA/WSC TeamUSA

Selection Process For 2007

- November, 2006-June, 2007 Selected SkillsUSA contestants practice and prepare during pre-trial phase for **the US open weld trials** (four have been selected only two will advance to **the US Open Weld Trial**)
- January-May Complete set of projects (test plates, pipe, AL, SS and pressure vessel projects)
- Lincoln Electric
Hobart Institute of Welding Technology
Gene Hornberger,
Miller Electric
- March 20-23, 2007 Top Weld Off candidate will represent the USA at the Ireland National Skills Competition. The competition will be held in the Cork Institute of Technology in Cork City, Ireland.
- June 25-28, 2007 **The USOpen Weld Trial** at the SkillsUSA Championship Kansas City, MO (two SkillsUSA competitors and four international competitors)
- August-October, 2007 Concentrated Post-Trial training as required for the SkillsUSA finalist selected at the US Open Weld Trial held in conjunction with the SkillsUSA Championship Kansas City, MO

Post-Trial Training Partners

Lincoln Electric
HIWT
ESAB
Northrop Grumman Ship Systems
Miller Electric
United Association

November 11-22, 2007 **39th World Skills Competition** Shizuoka, Japan

The SkillsUSA participants will receive the following awards and prizes through the American Welding Society:

Travel expensed for the SkillsUSA competitors are provided for the USOpen Welding Trials.

The USOpen Weld Trials SkillUSA Champion will receive a \$40,000, four-year scholarship through the AWS Foundation and sponsored by Miller Electric Mfg. Co., up to \$1000.00 in AWS publications, and a four-year complimentary full AWS membership. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be the only other awards given.

Travel and lodging expenses will be furnished for the SkillsUSA winner and the winner's instructor for the trip to Shizuoka, Japan to compete in the World Skills Competition in November of 2007.

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