



## **AWS Calls for Nominations for Fourth Annual Image of Welding Awards**

Miami, FL, June 29, 2006 – The American Welding Society (AWS), the world’s largest organization dedicated to advancing the science, technology and application of welding, is seeking nominations for its Fourth Annual Image of Welding Awards. The awards are issued in seven categories and the winners will be announced at the Image of Welding Awards Ceremony at the FABTECH International and AWS Welding Show in late October 2006. The awards recognize individuals and organizations that have shown exemplary dedication to promoting the image of welding in their communities.

Awards categories are as follows: Individual; Section (AWS local chapter); Large Business (200 or more employees); Small Business (less than 200 employees); Distributor (welding products); Educator; and Educational Facility.

“Raising public awareness about welding is vital to creating a positive image for the industry,” said Jim Horvath, chair of the AWS Image of Welding Subcommittee. “Many people are unaware of the critical role welding plays in our society and the excellent career opportunities the industry offers. Honoring those who are dedicated to improving our industry encourages others to get involved.”

Nominations will be judged by the Welding Equipment Manufacturers Committee (WEMCO), a standing committee at AWS that is comprised of executives from welding industry suppliers to promote the welding equipment market. Enhancing the image of welding as a critical industry is amongst their priority programs.

To nominate an individual or organization for an award, please send a written explanation of the nominee’s qualifications, along with your name, phone number, email and mailing address, to Adrienne Zalkind at [azalkind@aws.org](mailto:azalkind@aws.org) or by postal mail to AWS Image of Welding Awards, 550 NW LeJeune Road, Miami, Florida, 33126. Deadline for submissions is September 1, 2006.

### **About AWS**

The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes, including: brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, AWS serves nearly 50,000 members worldwide. AWS is led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, and is composed of 22 Districts with more than 200 local Sections throughout the world. For more information, visit the Society’s website at [www.aws.org](http://www.aws.org).

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