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**NEWS RELEASE:****AWS Honors 2008 Image of Welding Award Winners at Welding Show in Las Vegas**

**Miami, FL, September 9, 2008** – The American Welding Society (AWS) announced its Image of Welding Awards winners who will be honored in an award ceremony in Las Vegas on Monday, October 6, at 11:30 a.m., in Room S223. The winners are listed in their respective categories as follows:

- **Individuals Category:** Barbara Henon, Lisa Legohn, Clyde Shetler, Ray Wilsdorf James Owens and Richard Bryant all served as an inspiration to their peers and continue to motivate others in their field.
- **Educator's Category:** Jim Goetz, Roy Lanier, Lisa Legohn, James Owens and Ralph Young, for their outstanding dedication to welding education and providing high quality instruction.
- **Educational Facility Category:** Bucks County Technical High School in Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania; Monroe 2 Orleans BOCES Career and Technical Education Center in Livonia, New York; Odessa College Welding Training Center in Odessa, Texas; Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa; and Pima Community College in Tucson, Arizona. These winners all strived for excellence in enhancing their students' learning experience.



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- **Small Business Category:** The Advanced Science and Automation Corporation in Indianapolis, Indiana, developed a virtual welding lab to teach welding at low cost; and the Westfield Steel Co. in Westfield, Indiana, supported welding education and donated steel for welding competitions.
- **Large Business Category:** A&B Process Systems in Stratford, Wisconsin. The 25-year old company that has implemented community outreach for welders, promotional efforts at local, state and national levels.
- **AWS Section Category:** Tulsa and Western Carolina Sections both won the AWS Section category. Tulsa Section performed extensive work on welder shortages, and Western Carolina's Bob Humphrey and Bob Fellers worked with support of local industries to revive the section.
- **Distributor Category:** Rywal-RHC Ltd., founded by Robert Pyka. The company is receiving this award for its accomplishments in modernizing the Polish market, breaking barriers of socialist ideologies, and motivating teams into collaborative work.

The Image of Welding Awards ceremony will be one of the many events organized by AWS. The Fabtech International and AWS Welding show will run from October 6 - 8, 2008 at the Las Vegas Convention Center, and will also feature a variety of seminars, conferences, professional and educational programs, as well as the Weld-Off competition.

**About WEMCO:** *WEMCO is a standing committee of the American Welding Society. The committee 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. For more information on WEMCO membership and benefits, visit the committee's Web site at [www.aws.org/wemco](http://www.aws.org/wemco).*

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