

North American Manufacturing – A Look Into The Future



John Engler
President
National Association of Manufacturers

John Engler, president of the National Association of Manufacturers kicks off opening day of the 2006 FABTECH International & the AWS Welding Show with his keynote presentation. Based upon the extensive research capabilities of NAM, as well as the legislative relationships NAM has developed through years of advocacy in Washington, DC on behalf of manufacturing, Governor Engler offers a unique perspective on what the future holds for manufacturing in America.

About the Speaker:

John Engler, former three-term governor of Michigan and current president of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest industry trade group in America, representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector, will be the keynote speaker at the 2006 FABTECH International & AWS Welding Show.

As NAM president, Engler is committed to educating the public and government policymakers that manufacturing is critical to America's future as a nation. Under his leadership, the NAM advocates policies that level the international playing field and reduce the cost of doing business at home.

He sees the looming shortage of skilled manufacturing employees as a real and growing threat to American competitiveness in the 21st century's high-tech global economy. Engler believes better educating the next generation of manufacturing workers is imperative, and he advocates making innovation and quality as central to our educational system as it is to U.S. manufacturing.

Prior to becoming Michigan's governor, he served two decades in the Michigan legislature.

Keynote Event

Tuesday, October 31, 2006
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

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 is supported by a staff of more than 100 professionals and 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 US and the world. For more information on AWS programs and publications, visit the Society's website at www.aws.org.

###

Media Contact:

American Welding Society
Adrienne Zalkind
Assistant Director, Marketing Communications
Phone: (800) 443-9353, Ext. 416
Email: azalkind@aws.org