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AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY'S 6TH CHARTING THE COURSE IN WELDING: US SHIPYARDS CONFERENCE TO DRAW WELDING EXPERTS TO NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, LA., February 27, 2009 - When it comes to shipbuilding, welding is the most vital and fundamental manufacturing process in the construction of ships and metal hull boats. At the American Welding Society (AWS) 6th Annual *Charting the Course in Welding: US Shipyards Conference*, attendees will learn the progress of new and innovative developments, as well as how their potential value and impact to the industry is essential for those in the shipbuilding community.

The 2009 Shipbuilding Conference which takes place June 16-17, 2009 in New Orleans, Louisiana, will also address the critical importance of welding in the shipbuilding industry by providing current information on new and emerging technologies being developed for shipbuilding applications.

"It's important for everyone involved in shipbuilding and maintenance to attend the conference because it allows them to learn about new technologies that could save them and their companies money," said Lee Kvidahl, past president of the AWS and chair of the event.

In addition to the formal sessions being presented, the conference will provide several opportunities to network informally with experts from academia and industry, as well as with conference participants. An exhibition showcasing products and services available to the shipbuilding industry will also be featured during the two-day conference.

Conference registration is \$550 for AWS members, \$680 for nonmembers. Registration includes all conference sessions, two continental breakfasts, two lunches and refreshment breaks.

Nonmembers receive a two-year complimentary AWS membership with registration. For more information and to register, please call 800-443-9353, ext. 455 or visit the conferences section on the AWS website at www.aws.org/conferences.

To secure tabletop exhibit space or for questions about exhibiting at the conference, please call 800-443-9353, ext. 223

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, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 50,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the society's website at <http://www.aws.org> and click on "Pressroom"

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