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## **AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM EXCLUSIVELY FOR WELDERS**

**MIAMI, FL., March 12, 2009** – The American Welding Society (AWS) has announced a new AWS membership program aimed at boosting the memberships of welders worldwide. Following two years of concentrated efforts to enhance service to members who weld for a living, AWS is introducing the most significant additions, to member benefits in years.

The welder membership program is designed to attract welders who are committed to making their jobs, as well as their lives, easier. AWS can help welders' careers with a variety of resources and opportunities unparalleled in the industry. In addition, an AWS membership can help welders do their jobs, better, more quickly and more accurately, and with the latest industry information available anywhere

“AWS has really been committed to finding more ways to benefit our thousands of welder members, and continues to provide beneficial resources to attract more welders to join and benefit from AWS membership,” said Cassie Burrell, AWS Deputy Executive Director. “We are confident that through the new welder membership level we are able to nurture professional development in many ways.”

Benefits of joining the AWS as a welder member include up to an 87% discount on a choice from 28 welding books and CDs; 25% discount on hundreds of first-rate publications and 140+ industry codes; 12 issues per year of the award-winning *Welding Journal* magazine; access to the ‘Welders Exchange Bulletin Board’ on the AWS website which allows welders to communicate with each other by asking questions regarding job opportunities and welding dilemmas; discounts on training events; savings on widely recognized AWS certification programs; exclusive discounts on welding equipment and tools of the trade from dozens of participating Gas and Welding Distributors Association (GAWDA) suppliers; access to the AWS Health

Insurance program; and members-only discounts on auto/home insurance, car rental, cell phone plans, shipping and more.

AWS has more than 55,000 members worldwide. While many identify themselves primarily as welders, many are in professional capacities such as instructors, inspectors, sales representatives, researchers and others.

The cost of a one-year AWS membership is \$80, but new members can save by signing up for a two-year AWS welder membership for \$135, a savings of \$25. For more information on the AWS Welder Membership and to sign up, visit <http://aws.org/membership>.

#### 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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