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**WELDING JOURNAL GIVEN FIRST PLACE HONORS AT THE 2009 SUNSHINE
STATE AWARDS BY THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS**

Welding Journal Places First in Category of Trade/Special Interest Publication

MIAMI, FL., June 8, 2009 – The *Welding Journal*, a monthly publication of the American Welding Society (AWS), has won first place in the category of Trade/Special Interest Publication during the 2009 Sunshine State Awards ceremony conducted by the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ).

The Sunshine State Awards honor excellence in journalism in the state of Florida, with 2009 marking the 15th anniversary of the awards. The SPJ had more than 700 entries across the state of Florida vying for awards in the fields of newspapers, magazines, radio and television newscast and features reporting, news photography and graphics, and Internet news sites.

“We are honored to be recognized by our peers in journalism throughout the state of Florida,” said Andrew Cullison, publisher of the *Welding Journal*. “Our editorial staff is dedicated to providing valuable news and information on the welding industry to our readers and AWS members and we are proud to have the hard work of our staff reflected in this award.”

According to the SPJ, the *Welding Journal* was selected for its mix of stories that judges felt seemed well-targeted to its audience and also for its reader-friendly design.

For those engaged in welding-related activities, *Welding Journal* provides current news, features, research reports, practical data and advertisements from industry leaders around the world. Also featured are welding-related metalworking activities such as design, testing and inspection, maintenance and repair, and training.

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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