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**AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY ANNOUNCES PURCHASE OF
NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING**

MIAMI, FLA., June 8, 2010 – After nearly 30 years in its current location, the American Welding Society (AWS) announced today it is moving its headquarters to a recently purchased 122,482-square-foot building in the Doral area of greater Miami, Fla.

The purchase reflects expansion opportunities for the Society, which has a fast-rising membership of 63,000. After reviewing several options over the past two years – including building on to its current facility, purchasing adjacent land, and constructing a new building – it was determined that present commercial real estate conditions made the purchase of the Doral building the best option.

The recently renovated five-story office building on a five-acre parcel is located at 8669 NW 36th Street, Doral, Fla., about 7 miles northwest of the current AWS headquarters. AWS will initially occupy about 50 percent of the building, and 15 percent is already leased out.

“The American Welding Society has grown significantly in recent years, and we need increased space for meeting rooms with state-of-the-art audio/visual capabilities,” said John Bruskotter, 2010 AWS President. “The new building provides us with the space we need to continue to grow and to expand our services in the best interest of our members.”

AWS is currently building out the office space and expects to complete the move to the new facility by late 2011.

“From a financial standpoint, AWS was in a position of a solid financial base with the growth of our reserves. This enabled us to purchase the building outright without financing it,” said Robert Pali, AWS Treasurer.

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 nearly 63,000 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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