



American Welding Society®

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Call for Entries for the annual AWS Image of Welding Awards

*****Deadline for Submissions is July 31, 2011*****

Miami, Fla., February 3, 2011 – The American Welding Society (AWS) is once again searching for the best and brightest stars in the welding community, and has subsequently issued a call for entries for the 9th Annual Image of Welding Awards.

The awards recognize and celebrate outstanding public contributions that promote the image of welding and the welding industry as a whole.

The deadline for entries is July 31, 2011.

The Image of Welding Awards is open to all welding industry professionals. The awards are presented by AWS, the world's largest organization dedicated to advancing the science, technology and application of welding, and also by the Welding Equipment Manufacturers Committee (WEMCO), a standing committee of AWS.

Awards are issued in a number of categories. All individuals, organizations and groups may be nominated for multiple categories. Self nominations are also acceptable. Winners will be presented with their respective awards at the Image of Welding Awards Ceremony, which is held during the FABTECH exposition on November 14-17, 2011 at the McCormick Center in Chicago, Ill.

The Image of Welding Awards Program recognizes outstanding achievement in the following categories:

- Individual (you or other individual)
- Educator (welding teacher at an institution, facility, etc.)
- Educational Facility (Any organization that conducts welding education or training)
- Small Business (less than 200 employees)
- Large Business (200 or more employees)
- Distributor (welding products)
- AWS Section (AWS local chapter)

To see past Image of Welding Award winners and to submit a nomination, please download the PDF nomination form online at <http://www.aws.org/awards/image.html>.

In order for your respective application to be considered, please complete the nomination form in entirety and return via email to image@aws.org, or fax to (305) 443-1552, or send via postal mail to AWS Image of Welding Awards, 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, FL 33126.

If you have any queries or general inquires please do not hesitate to contact AWS toll-free at 800-443-9353.

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 66,000 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."

About WEMCO

In 1996, the American Welding Society established WEMCO as a Standing Committee dedicated to providing a common voice to the Welding Industry, Government Bodies and Technical Organizations worldwide. Today, this committee, representing manufacturers making products for welding processes and applications, provides valued added information and services to end users, distributors and manufacturers in the welding industry.