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**INCREASING STRENGTH OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY
APPARENT AT AWS WELDMEX 2011**

Annual Show Sets Attendance Record

MIAMI, FL., June 3, 2011 – AWS Weldmex, the largest trade show in Latin America to bring together the welding, metalworking and fabrication industries, set an attendance record of 7,086 buyers at this year’s expo held May 11-13 in Monterrey, Mexico. The record attendance figures demonstrate that the manufacturing industry continues to gain strength in Mexico and across Latin America.

The mega event has grown over 50% in the past three years, combining AWS Weldmex, sponsored by the American Welding Society FABTECH Mexico, sponsored by the Fabricators and Manufacturers Association and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers; and Metalform Mexico, sponsored by the Precision Metalforming Association.

The expo serves as an opportunity to display the latest procedures and technologies in the fields of welding, metalworking and fabrication.

In its third year, AWS Weldmex featured over 57,000 square feet of exhibit space and 241 exhibitors, generating over 15 million dollars in economic impact to the Nuevo Leon region of Mexico.

“We could not be more pleased with the turnout,” said Chuck Cross, show manager. “Not only were the attendance records great, but the quality of exhibitors and visitors were outstanding.”

AWS Weldmex 2012 will take place May 2-4, 2012 in Mexico City. For more information, please visit www.aws weldmex.com .

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 67,000 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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