New Code Clinics Offered for CWI and Endorsement Exams at FABTECH for the First Time Ever

MIAMI, Fla., September 1, 2011 – Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) candidates looking to take the test at the annual FABTECH show in Chicago on November 14 – 17 now have more options for their CWI exams and endorsements tests. The American Welding Society (AWS) is now offering three new code clinics to help prepare individuals for the exams.

For the first time ever, AWS will be offering a D1.5 Bridge Code Clinic, D15.1 Railroad Code Clinic, and ASME Section IX Code Clinic. The three courses will prepare candidates for the CWI endorsement exam, or for Part C of the CWI certification exam to those codebooks. Previously, code clinics were only offered for D1.1 Structural Welding and API 1104 Welding of Pipelines.

The CWI exam is comprised of three parts:

**Part A: Fundamentals.** This closed-book test covers all facets of welding processes and nondestructive examination.
Part B: Practical Applications. A hands-on test using visual inspection tools with plastic weld replicas and a sample codebook.

Part C: Open-Book Code Application. This open-book test establishes a candidate’s ability to comprehend information in their choice of one of seven welding codes.

The new code clinics are also available for those who are already CWI’s looking to broaden their welding inspector credentials. When you pass an endorsement exam, AWS provides a separate endorsement wallet card and a certificate of successful completion. For inspectors who are up for nine-year recertification, passing codebook endorsement exams can satisfy the examination and continuing education requirements for the recertification.

The CWI is widely recognizing both nationally and internationally, and successful companies have come to rely on this AWS certification when ensuring the highest level of quality workmanship.

Participants in these code clinics and the endorsement exams are expected to provide their own codebooks. To take the any of the three CWI exam parts or any of the seven endorsement tests at the FABTECH show, advance registration is required. For more information, please call 1-800-443-9353 ext. 273 or go to http://www.aws.org/certification.

FABTECH, North American’s largest forming, fabricating, finishing and welding event will be held at Chicago’s McCormick Place on November 14 -17, 2011. The annual event anticipates 30,000 visitors and over 1,200 exhibiting companies covering more than 450,000 net square feet of floor space.

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.”