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Professional Welders Invited to Compete for “Best Welder in America” Title and $2,500 at FABTECH

MIAMI, Fla., October 7, 2011 – Professional welders attending the FABTECH show in Chicago on November 14 - 17 are invited to compete for the title of “Best Welder in America” and a grand prize of $2,500 at the American Welding Society (AWS) Professional Welders Competition.

Competitors will each have five minutes to complete a ¼ inch fillet weld using 1/8 inch E7018 electrode on low carbon steel. Each participant will set his/her own current and voltage prior to welding and must clean the weldment following welding to prepare for the inspection process. The contest will be judged by a team of AWS Certified Welding Inspectors.

In addition to the $2,500 grand prize, a $1,000 second prize and a $500 third prize will be awarded, and the top 12 competitors will win an AWS duffel bag. Each participant will receive an AWS Professional Welders Competition t-shirt.

The competition will take place in the north hall of McCormick Place at booth # 7162. Entry fee is $15 and registration is at the show. Welders must be at least 18-years-old to enter.
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.”