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American Welding Society Celebrates Grand Opening of New Global Headquarters

MIAMI, Fla., December 2, 2012 – The American Welding Society (AWS) celebrated the grand opening of their new global headquarters at 8669 NW 36th Street, Doral, Fla. with an open house ceremony on Friday, November 30th.

AWS is a not-for-profit membership organization that is the world's authority on safe, productive welding. The society publishes the major technical standards used in welding of all types, and certifies welding professionals such as inspectors, supervisors and educators. In addition, AWS publishes technical magazines in three languages and operates trade shows in the U.S., Mexico and Canada.

The organization held a building dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony that welcomed board members, international counterparts and agents, vendors and community members at the recently renovated five-story, 122,482-square-foot building. Speakers included The Honorable Michael Bileca, Florida House of Representatives and Miguel Otero, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart. Diaz-Balart has an office in the building.

Calling Miami home for the past 40 years, AWS's new Doral headquarters is only seven miles from its previous location and offers the society space to expand its membership, publishing, exposition, and educational operations. The organization currently serves nearly 70,000 members worldwide.

“Over the past few years AWS has seen a significantly increasing interest from across the globe in attaining AWS certifications, standards and membership,” said Ray Shook, executive director, AWS. “We’ve launched a global initiative that will allow us to better serve the welding community, and our new modern headquarters is one of the primary steps to becoming more accessible to our members.”

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 70,000 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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