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Becky Tuchscherer Elected to American Welding Society Foundation Board of Trustees

MIAMI, Fla., April 1, 2013 – The American Welding Society (AWS) Foundation has elected Becky Tuchscherer, Group Vice President, Commercial Welding for Miller Electric Mfg. Co., to its AWS Foundation Board of Trustees.

The AWS Foundation was established by the American Welding Society in 1991 to support programs that ensure the growth and development of the welding industry. The focus is on scholarships for welding students and welder workforce development issues.

Tuchscherer has more than 25 years of experience in the welding industry having joined Miller in 1988 as a financial analyst. Over the years she has held a number of financial roles and in 2011 became vice president, commercial welding, where she works with her team of businesses to drive growth strategies in the North American commercial welding platform.

"We are delighted that Ms. Tuchscherer will be serving on the AWS Foundation Board of Trustees," said Gerald Uttrachi, board chairman of AWS Foundation. "Her experience and insight, as well as the many contributions she's already made to the welding industry will strengthen our ability to provide scholarships and awards as well as increase our workforce development initiatives"

Tuchscherer also serves on the executive committee and board of directors for the OshkoshYMCA in the capacity of treasurer. She is a member of AWS and previously served on the AWS Finance Committee.

She holds a B.A. in accounting from Gustavus Adolphus College and an MBA from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

Tuchscherer's term will run through 2015.

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 Doral, 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."

About AWS Foundation

The AWS Foundation was established by the American Welding Society on September 13, 1989, to support programs that ensure the growth and development of the welding industry through strengthening research and educational opportunities in welding and related industries. Led by a volunteer Board of Trustees, the Foundation is organized as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Administration, including program development, fundraising, public relations, marketing and financial management, is provided by a small development staff of the American Welding Society. Its operations are conducted from the Society's offices in Doral, Florida. For more information, visit <u>http://www.aws.org/foundation</u>.

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