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American Welding Society's Monica Pfarr Receives Women in Manufacturing STEP Award

MIAMI, Fla., February 10, 2014 – The Manufacturing Institute has recognized Monica Pfarr, corporate director of workforce development at the American Welding Society, with the Women in Manufacturing STEP (Science, Technology, Engineering and Production) Award. The STEP Awards honor women who have demonstrated excellence in leadership in their careers and represents all levels of the manufacturing industry, from factory floor the C-suite.

Pfarr joined the American Welding Society in 2008 and spearheads efforts to address the critical need for recruitment and retention of welders in the industry. She is an industry veteran with wide-ranging expertise in manufacturing systems development and operations management. She is also a sought after industry speaker and mentor.

“Manufacturing is an exciting career field for anyone with a passion to make things better, faster, cheaper, or safer,” said Pfarr. “It’s an honor to be recognized by the Manufacturing Institute for simply sharing my every day passion with the next generation coming into the workforce.”

Pfarr received a bachelor of science degree in industrial and systems engineering from Ohio State University, and an MBA from Central Michigan University. In addition, she completed an executive development program at Northwestern University.

The STEP Awards were presented Thursday, February 6, 2014 in Washington D.C.

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 process worldwide, 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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