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American Welding Society Becomes Global Supporter of WorldSkills International

MIAMI, Fla., July 30, 2014 – The American Welding Society (AWS), a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the science of welding, has signed on as a Global Supporter of the non-profit organization WorldSkills International (WSI).

WorldSkills International is a not for profit membership association open to agencies or bodies which have a responsibility to promote vocational education and training in their respective countries/regions. WSI provides a unique means of exchange and comparison of world-class competency standards in the industrial trades and service sectors of the global economy. The organization promotes world class standards in over 45 skills, including welding; and involving over 70 member countries and regions.

As a Global Supporter of WorldSkills, AWS will have representatives at the WorldSkills General Assembly 2014 in Lucerne, Switzerland this September, as well as have promotional placing during the 43rd WorldSkills Competition in São Paulo, Brazil in 2015.

“Both AWS and WSI share a common vision to advocate for the skilled trades through research, education and training, international cooperation and the creation of career pathways,” said Ray Shook, Executive Director, American Welding Society. “AWS is excited to partner with WorldSkills as a Global Supporter and is looking forward to working with them to try and enhance the welding profession worldwide.”

“We are delighted to welcome American Welding Society as a Global Supporter, since AWS is recognized as one of the leading welding authorities globally. AWS is committed to excellence in all aspects of welding and delivers and supports world’s best standards and practices covering various processes, industries and materials. As well as developing welding excellence, we will showcase the many rewarding and interesting career options available within the welding and associated professions,” says David Hoey, Chief Executive Officer of WorldSkills International.

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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