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American Welding Society Appoints Senior Associate Executive Director

MIAMI, Fla., November 20, 2014 –The American Welding Society (AWS), the world's largest organization dedicated to advancing the science, technology and application of welding, announced today the promotion of John Gayler to senior associate executive director.

Gayler has been with AWS for over 16 years, most recently serving as managing director of certification where he oversaw over 20 employees while supporting AWS's global expansion strategy and managing the overall development, integrity, and technical content of the Society's certification program. Since joining AWS in 1998 Gayler has also served as director of national standards and as secretary to several technical committees including the AWS D1 Structural Welding Committee.

In his new role, Gayler will continue to manage the AWS Certification Department while also serving as part of the senior AWS management team.

Gayler holds a degree in materials science and engineering from the University of Florida.

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 worldwide, including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 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."