



North America's Largest Metal Forming, Fabricating & Welding Event

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WHAT: INCREDIBLY VISUAL AND INTERACTIVE STORY!!

Professional welders will compete on the show floor at the AWS Professional Welders Competition for a grand prize of \$2,500.

GREAT STORY IMAGES!!

The competition kicks-off on Monday, and the visuals will be great! Some of the best welders in Chicago and a few from across the nation will battle for the grand prize. Who can weld the fastest, the most precise? We will soon find out.

AND THE PRESS CAN WELD TOO!!

A welding booth specifically for press will be open on Sunday, November 11th.

Reporters can battle it out at the welding booth. Who's the best welder at your newspaper or TV station? Challenge colleagues to a weld-off and actually try welding yourself. See reporters make sparks dressed in eye-catching welding gear!

Or battle against some of the area's best welders, including area students.

Some say that women are superior to men in the welding industry. Do you want to put that assumption to the test? Go up against a Chicago-area female welder and see how skilled these women really have to be to make it as a welder.

LET'S SCHEDULE YOUR "WELD-OFF" FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH AT 11AM!

WHERE: FABTECH International & AWS Welding Show 2007
McCormick Place North Building, Chicago IL
Show Floor of North Building

WHEN: Competition Hours:

Sunday, November 11

Press Booth Open from 11am – 2pm

Monday, November 12

9:30 AM-12:30 PM and 1:30 PM-4:30 PM



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www.aws.org

Tuesday, November 13
9:30 AM-12:30 PM and 1:30 PM-4:30 PM

Awards Ceremony:

Wednesday, November 14
10:00 AM

Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony. (Winners need not be present.)

PRIZES: In addition to the \$2,500 grand prize, a \$1,000 second prize and a \$500 third prize will be awarded, and the top 12 competitors will win an AWS duffel bag. Each participant will receive an AWS Professional Welders Competition t-shirt.

TO ENTER: Competitors must be at least 19 years old, sign a form stating that they are professional welders, and pay a \$10 entry fee. Each competitor may bring a helmet, protective clothing, earplugs, etc., or use those provided at the competition site.

Registration will take place at the Professional Welders Competition booth on the show floor in the North Building between 12:30 and 4:30 PM on Sunday, November 11, or Monday and Tuesday, November 12-13, during the competition.

Welders will be required to make a simulated beam-to-column connection welding an angle clip to a base plate. The welding procedure involves welding a 3 x 3 x 3/8-inch angle to a 1/4-inch horizontal plate using shielded metal arc welding (SMAW). Each participant will set his/her own current and voltage prior to welding and must clean the weldment following welding to prepare for the inspection process. Competitors will have five minutes to create a single-pass 5/16-inch fillet weld using 5/32-inch E7018 electrode on low-carbon steel.

Each competitor will be allowed one attempt at creating the weldment; no retests are allowed. The contest will be judged by a team of AWS Certified Welding Inspectors using the criteria in AWS D1.1, Structural Welding Code—Steel, and verified using automated inspection equipment.

REGISTER: For more information about the Professional Welders Competition, including complete competition rules and safety rules, please visit www.aws.org/competition or call AWS at 305-443-9353 (ext. 219).

Note: Registration for the exposition is required to gain admittance to the show floor.

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