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**JIMMY B. MORGAN, PRESIDENT, WEC WELDING AND
MACHINING, LLC ELECTED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY FOUNDATION**

MIAMI, FL – October 15, 2009 – The American Welding Society (AWS), the world’s largest organization dedicated to advancing the science, technology and application of welding, and the AWS Foundation announced today that Jimmy B. Morgan has been elected to the AWS Foundation board of directors.

The AWS Foundation, which just celebrated its 20th year anniversary, was established by the American Welding Society 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.

“The AWS Foundation gives students interested in the welding industry the support and resources they need to become successful in their career and I look forward to actively participating in these efforts. It is an honor to be able to be involved with the foundation in growing program development, fundraising and education in the years to come,” said Morgan.

A graduate of the University of South Carolina with completed MBA coursework at Furman University and The University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business, Morgan has more than 20 years of experience in the energy business and currently serves as president of WEC Welding and Machining, LLC. WEC Welding and Machining is a subsidiary of Westinghouse Electric Company and provides welding and machining services to the nuclear industry, as well as pipe preparation for the energy and processing

businesses. They are the largest supplier to the U.S. nuclear industry and have had significant international growth.

“We are excited about having Mr. Morgan on the board of trustees because he has a proven track record of leadership and making businesses profitable. We are confident he will use these skills to help us strengthen the foundation so that we can continue to provide scholarships and awards to the many deserving students and employees of the welding industry and in our strategic focus on welder workforce development issues,” said Jerry Uttrachi, board chairman of the AWS Foundation.

About the American Welding Society

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 Miami, Florida and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 50,000 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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