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**THE LINCOLN ELECTRIC WELDING SCHOOL
ANNOUNCES ITS 2008 SCHEDULE**

Cleveland – The Lincoln Electric Welding School, which has instructed more than 100,000 students since its inception in 1917, announces its 2008 schedule.

The Lincoln Electric Welding School is the oldest and one of the most respected arc welding schools in the United States. Classes are taught by the school's seven full-time instructors who have more than 100 years of combined industry experience. Courses are designed to teach the arc welding skills that employers want. Lincoln-trained students are in high demand by welding fabricators at pay levels that tend to exceed the industry average.

Classes range from a six-week basic course to an advanced 15-week comprehensive course, as well as one-week classes on specific welding processes, certification and customized programs. Students spend 80 percent of their time in the booth learning to weld. Additionally, Lincoln limits class size to 15 students per class in order to maximize learning and guarantee one-on-one instruction time.

Courses scheduled for May through December 2008 include:

Basic Plate & Sheet Metal: Instructs welders in the stick welding process. The six-week class is being offered the weeks of May 12-June 20, June 23-Aug. 1, Aug. 4-Sept. 12, Sept. 15-Oct. 24 and Oct. 27-Dec. 5.

Pipe Welding: Instructs welders in the stick welding process of welding pipe either to meet ASME (vertical-up) or API (vertical-down) welding code. Running three weeks, this course will be offered during the weeks of May 12-30, June 23-July 11, Aug. 4-22, Sept. 15-Oct. 3 and Oct. 27-Nov. 14.

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Plasma, Oxyfuel, Alloy & Hardening: Instructs welders in plasma cutting and gouging, the oxyfuel process, alloy theory and applications, and hardfacing. Three-week class will be taught the weeks of June 2-20, July 14-Aug. 1, Aug. 25-Sept. 12, Oct. 6-24 and Nov. 17-Dec. 5.

Gas Tungsten Arc Welding: Instructs welders in the TIG welding process. One-week course offered the weeks of May 12, June 9, June 23, Aug. 4, Sept. 2, Sept. 15, Oct. 27, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15.

Gas Metal Arc Welding/Semi Automatic: Instructs welders in the MIG welding process. One-week course taught the weeks of May 5, May 19, June 9, June 30, Aug. 11, Sept. 22, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15.

Flux-Cored Arc Welding/Semi Automatic: Instructs welders in the flux-cored welding process for both self shielded and gas shielded. One-week class runs the weeks of May 27, July 7, Aug. 18, Sept. 29 and Nov. 10.

Comprehensive Program: Instructs welders in all common welding processes. 15-week course runs the weeks of May 12-Aug. 22, Aug. 2-Nov. 14 and Sept. 15-Jan. 9, 2009.

Advanced Pipe: Three pipe welding classes are available: Advanced API Pipe Welding (stick only), Low Hydrogen Pipe Welding 1 (stick, MIG, flux cored) and Low Hydrogen Pipe Welding 2 (stick, TIG). Classes are offered the weeks of June 2, June 9, June 16, July 14, July 21, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 2, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Oct. 13, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Nov. 24 and Dec. 1.

Advanced Submerged Arc Welding: Instructs welders in submerged arc welding process for both full-automatic and semi-automatic applications. One-week course is the weeks of May 19, Aug. 18, Sept. 29 and Oct. 27.

Maintenance Welding: Instructs welders in maintenance welding, utilizing various processes like stick, MIG, TIG and oxyfuel cutting. The one-week course is offered the weeks of June 2, Aug. 18, Oct. 13 and Nov. 17.

Classes fill up quickly, so interested students are encouraged to register at least one month in advance. To register, contact Lincoln's Welding School at (216) 383-8325 or visit www.lincolnelectric.com to obtain bulletin ED.122.

The Lincoln Electric Company, headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, is the world leader in the design, development and manufacture of arc welding products, robotic arc-welding systems, plasma and oxyfuel cutting equipment and has a leading global position in the brazing and soldering alloys market. For more information, visit www.lincolnelectric.com

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