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American Boiler Manufacturers Association Partners with American Welding Society to Create Endowed Scholarship for Lone Star College Welding Students

Vienna, VA – August 15, 2017 – The American Boiler Manufacturers Association (ABMA) announces the creation of an endowed scholarship through the American Welding Society (AWS) that will awarded annually to a worthy welding student at Lone Star College in Houston, TX.

ABMA donated \$15,000 from its Randy Rawson Scholarship Fund and this contribution has been matched by the AWS Foundation, creating a \$30,000 AWS endowed scholarship. AWS awards over \$700,000 annually to more than 600 students in welding-related programs

Lone Star College was selected due to their reputation as a leading trade school in the U.S. and their desire to partner with ABMA to address the skills gap of welding students.

"The AWS Endowed Scholarship enables ABMA to promote welding careers for the boiler industry, expand the reach of our scholarship fund and partner with a great organization like AWS", said Scott Lynch, President & CEO of ABMA.

"AWS is excited about collaborating with ABMA to impact the next generation of welders and help the boiler manufacturing industry meet their workforce needs", said Monica Pfarr, Corporate Director, Workforce Development of American Welding Society. "We look forward to future partnership opportunities to advance our mutual interests."

Through the Randy Rawson Scholarship, ABMA has granted more than \$120,000 in scholarships to students who have an interest in boiler industry careers. Many of them have gone on to intern and take full-time jobs in the industry.

For more details about the Randy Rawson Scholarship, please visit www.ABMA.com.

About ABMA

Since our founding in 1888, the American Boiler Manufacturers Association (ABMA) has advocated for the safe production and operation of boilers, facilitated advances in energy efficiency, and provided solutions for our member companies. Throughout our history, the boiler industry and our member base have relied on the ABMA to lead the industry as it tackles challenges and embraces opportunities in our constantly evolving sector. Through participation with ABMA, our members are better informed, connected, and positioned to thrive in today's global boiler industry. To learn more, please visit www.ABMA.com.

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