

CWB Group hosts its 7th annual National Welding Educators Conference

April 20, 2018- The CWB Group is pleased to announce its 7th annual National Welding Educators Conference at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology from April 24-26, 2018. This year's theme is *Mentorship – Creative Solutions to Engage Your Students* and has successfully attracted speakers from all over Canada to discuss how educators can create a mentally stimulating environment for their students. Topics will range from weld rubric harmonization, regulations, research, and welding technology/engineering to allow attendees to gain a wide breadth of knowledge from industry experts. Furthermore, we are fortunate enough to have Honourable Marlin Schmidt (NDP), Minister of Advanced Education in Alberta give a morning address to all attendees.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for educators to network with counterparts from over the country, learn best practices and develop project ideas for the classroom,” said Dan Tadic, Executive Director of the CWB Association. “The CWB Association and CWB Foundation are leading the way in harmonizing welding education all across Canada through various events by giving you the opportunity to speak to peers and gain knowledge on how to better serve the welding community.”

“An Indigenous Roundtable discussion will take place with representatives from education, industry, and government to discuss Mind over Metal Indigenous Camps and how the CWB Welding Foundation can ensure culturally appropriate, impactful and meaningful experiences geared towards at-risk youth,” said Deborah Mates, Executive Director of the CWB Welding Foundation. You will hear from representatives that have first-hand experiences working in culturally sensitive programs and the positive effects that welding education has had within these programs.

“As we endeavor to build a next-generation economy in Alberta and across the country, we will be looking to educators like you to encourage a new wave of welders to pursue excellence in their educational and professional goals,” shared Honourable Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta. “To compete on the global stage, our province must be equipped with trained professionals using the most advanced technologies.”

The CWB Association and CWB Welding Foundation are committed to providing superior learning opportunities to secondary and post-secondary educators to help them improve welding education and innovation in their classrooms. They play a vital role in overcoming the challenges faced by the welding industry and work diligently towards ensuring that educators have the necessary knowledge to attract, retain and train apprentices to help build the future of our country.

About the CWB Group: The CWB Group is a not-for-profit organization that is nationally responsible for the certification of welding companies and qualification of welders, ensuring Canadian code and standard compliance, and best practices are met by all welding establishments and educational institutions across Canada. For over 65 years, the CWB has been at the forefront of maintaining public safety while administering various CSA standards, certified welding companies, consumables and qualified welders. With offices in Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia, the CWB's team of 180 staff provide services from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland and Labrador.