



WEC Welding and Machining Open House Attracts Global Guests

Customers from utilities around the world attended a recent open house at Westinghouse's WEC Welding and Machining (WWM) headquarters in Lake Bluff, Illinois (USA). The event, which was held July 13 to 14, featured capabilities presentations and more than 20 shop demonstrations, including underwater laser beam welding (ULBW), electrical discharge machining, canister welding and other general machining and welding techniques using full-scale mockups.

An expo provided an opportunity for the event's more than 40 guests to explore Westinghouse's new plant offerings, as well as the capabilities of other Westinghouse companies including PaR Nuclear, the company's outage-critical crane subsidiary; and WesDyne International, which provides inspection services for the power industry.

WEC Welding and Machining offers utilities, municipalities and corporations the materials, knowledge and highly skilled professionals required to maintain their power systems more efficiently and cost-effectively. With offices located throughout the United States and Europe, WWM is the world's leading supplier of specialty welding, machining and custom tooling for the power industry including nuclear energy, fossil, hydropower generation and petrochemical industries.



WWM affiliate PCI Energy Services provides field welding, custom tooling and machining services. Here, Welding Supervisor Peter Huckstep demonstrates an orbital welding system using Arc Products Power Supply during the WWM Open House.



Jimmy Morgan

"Westinghouse and our majority owner, Toshiba, have made a significant investment in welding technology and we are pleased to have had this opportunity to demonstrate our capabilities," said Jimmy Morgan, acting vice president of Westinghouse's recently formed Installation and Modification Services segment, which provides full-service implementation of complex installation, and decommissioning and dismantling projects. "Our customers look to us to provide solutions based on engineering expertise and leading-edge technology, and this applies as much to welding, as to any other part of our business," he noted.

Entergy Project Manager Jamie GoBell said the open house was well organized and educational. "The part that I think was the most beneficial for me was the ULBW," he said. "I'm very interested in this and learned quite a bit about that, more than I knew. It was also nice to be able to see the other machine tooling, metrology and things like that."

FirstEnergy Project Manager Paul Kowalski said the open house was enlightening and a worthwhile experience. "It was obvious listening to the different speakers that Westinghouse is committed to providing excellent customer service and desires to be the nuclear supplier of choice," he said. "The tour of the shop enabled me to see up close the various welding capabilities that are offered and the remote welding trailer was incredible. What impressed me the most was the level of ownership and enthusiasm displayed by the employees on the shop floor."

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