



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Central Welding Supply Acquisition of United Welding Supply Expands Service Area into Portland, OR**

**MARYSVILLE, WA, September 6, 2016** – Dale Wilton, CEO of Central Welding Supply, announced the acquisition of United Welding Supply Inc, located in Portland, OR. The business will become Central Welding Supply's 21<sup>st</sup> retail outlet and its first location in Oregon State. "With this purchase we plan to continue providing the same outstanding customer service and technical support that United Welding Supply was known for, along with the expansive basket of product and service offerings that makes Central Welding Supply unique to the region. The Portland location will also allow us to serve a growing number of businesses that were being served previously through our Vancouver, WA branch" said Wilton.

The United Welding Supply Portland location, at 2313 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, will be open as the Portland Branch of Central Welding Supply effective Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Customers can expect the same friendly faces they're used to at United Welding Supply, as no staff changes are planned. "We're excited to extend our service-area footprint to include the complete Portland/Vancouver metropolitan market, and extending north through Western Washington to the Canadian border... the I-5 Corridor from Portland to Canada," advises Wilton. The Portland market is a great fit for the full line of products and services offered by Central Welding Supply, from industry-leading welding technology, to in-house equipment repairs, rental welding gear, bulk and micro-bulk gas systems, safety supplies, medical, specialty and beverage gases, and much more. "We also want to thank United founder Bruce Thompson and the Thompson family for choosing to entrust their company, staff and customers to the team at Central Welding Supply," said Wilton. "The cultures and philosophies of both companies, as well as their dedication to responsive customer service, makes this a great fit for both organizations. We look forward to continuing and expanding on the great service reputation Bruce and his team have built."

## **ABOUT CENTRAL WELDING SUPPLY**

Central Welding Supply celebrates a rich history in the Puget Sound area that began in 1975 as a small start-up begun by Founder, Mickey Wilton. Today, the Central Welding Supply family of companies has grown to 21 retail locations, multiple divisions, over 270 dedicated employees, and over \$80M in annual revenues regionally.

Central Welding Supply retail locations include Anacortes, WA, Ballard, WA, Bellingham, WA, Burlington, WA, Everett, WA, Lynnwood, WA, Port Townsend, WA, Redmond, WA, Renton, WA, Seattle, WA, Smokey Point, WA, Woodinville, WA, and Tukwila, WA, and now Kelso, WA and Vancouver, WA, and now Portland, OR.

Wholly-owned subsidiary, Pacific Welding Supplies, operates five locations including: Auburn, WA, Bremerton, WA, Chehalis, WA, Olympia, and Tacoma, WA, as well as the Rental Center in Auburn, WA and a Cylinder Distribution Center in Tacoma, WA.

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