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## **Netsco To Sponsor 2010 SNAME Student Design Competition**

**(CLEVELAND, Ohio)** – Netsco has announced that the naval architecture and marine engineering firm will sponsor the first, second, and third place prizes in the 2010 SNAME (Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers) Student Design Competition. The competition will be held during the 2010 SNAME Annual Meeting and Expo, November 3-5, 2010 in Bellevue, Washington.

“We are very excited to continue our support and be a part of this effort,” said Richard Mueller, Netsco president. “SNAME as an organization plays a very important role in our industry. Encouraging the active and creative participation of our youngest members is vital to ensuring the future of our Society and our industry.”

At the SNAME competition, approximately 130 naval architecture and marine engineering students from a myriad of naval architecture schools around the country will be assigned to teams and be given a design challenge that is developed by the Student Steering Committee with guidance from Netsco. Within an allotted time, the teams must design and construct working models to meet established performance requirements. Immediately following construction, the models will be tested in a pool. Industry judges will determine the winners.

Formed in 1984, Netsco is a marine engineering, naval architecture and design firm with offices in Cleveland, Ohio and Tampa, Florida. Netsco furnishes engineering, design, consulting services and specialty products to the maritime industry. Netsco can design vessels of all types including large and small ships, tugs and barges. As part of its services, Netsco provides complete packages of contract plans and specifications. The firm specializes in bulk material self-unloading vessels, including vessels that handle cement, taconite, limestone, coal, salt, phosphate, and many other bulk commodities.