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SOLAR TRAINING INSTITUTE OFFERS NEW 10-HOUR OSHA SAFETY TRAINING FOR SOLAR PROFESSIONALS

SAN JOSE, CA. NOVEMBER 4, 2010: Growing 30-40% per year may not be good for your health.

The fast growing solar industry has been criticized for not being up to par with other construction industries for safety. Explosive industry growth, particularly smaller startups may delay essential safety training leading to catastrophic accidents, especially falls.

With this need in mind, the Solar Training Institute (STI), in partnership with UC San Diego, has launched its new 10-hour OSHA safety training course for solar energy professionals at its California training centers, starting in San Diego on November 13 and expanding to its Anaheim and San Jose training centers.

This two-day class will provide awareness training for construction hazards and teach OSHA standards, policies, and safe work procedures with focus on hazards found in solar construction projects, such as fall and electrical prevention and protection.

“The lack of essential construction safety skills can devastate a growing solar company” said Scott Mackay, Director of the OSHA Training Institute at UCSD. “

Tim Martin, Project Manager at gkkworks (gkkworks.com), a government contractor managing solar installations at a several California military bases believes one size does not fit all. “The solar PV and thermal industry is different than other construction sectors in many ways, and cannot afford to assume they are addressing the risks without sector-specific OSHA training.”

“STI is delighted to partner with UCSD OSHA experts to tailor safety training for the solar industry. We are committed to helping organizations protect their employees and their future” explains Devin Ruiz, President of the Solar Training Institute. “

About STI:

The Solar Training institute is a leading provider of accelerated solar training programs. STI develops and instructs courses in Photovoltaic (PV) design and installation to prepare contractors, Electricians, engineers, HVAC and other trades people to meet the requirements for skilled and technical jobs in the solar industry. STI also offers instruction in PV system design, and solar sales.

STI structured training classes help business gain the skilled workers they need to meet the growing demands of alternative energy development and help individuals -start, transition or advance their careers in the solar industry.

Dedicated to leading renewable energy industry education, the Solar Training Institute uses standardized training methods and teaching practices. Top industry experts instruct classes and share their industry knowledge and experience to prepare individuals and businesses for success in the solar industry.

Based in San Jose, California, STI offers courses in San Jose, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego, CA. For more information, visit www.TrainingForSolar.com or call (408) 625-7400.

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