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SOLAR TRAINING INSTITUTE APPROVED FOR INCLUSION ON STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LIST (ETPL)

*More funding options for those seeking a career change,
dislocated workers and veterans to attend Solar Training
Institute Courses*

SAN JOSE, CA JANUARY 30, 2011: After rigorous screening by California's Employment Development Department (EDD), the Solar Training Institute (STI) has joined the ranks of state-recommended workforce trainers. This listing also enables qualified trainees to receive state funds to underwrite the cost of the courses.

Victoria Bradshaw, recent Secretary of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) and now with the Little Hoover Commission, expressed the state's cleantech workforce development commitment saying, "We are committed not only to putting Californians back to work quickly, but to also train them for jobs of the future. We're focusing our efforts on workers who face special challenges and train them for careers in industries that need workers today and offer the opportunity to move upward tomorrow."

STI now partners with key California workforce development agencies (such as Workforce Investment Boards and One Stop Centers sponsored by EDD) to serve dislocated workers to reach their career development goals. Being listed on the ETPL represents an essential seal of approval for quality facilities, rigorous curriculum and qualified instructors.

“We are gratified to receive the endorsement from the state and look forward to working with them to dislocated workers and veterans launch new careers in the Solar Industry” said Devin Ruiz, President of Solar Training Institute.

California's Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) was established as a result of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998. The purpose of the ETPL is to provide access to funds and quality employment training for adults and dislocated workers. The statewide list of qualified training providers offers a wide range of educational programs, including classroom, correspondence, Internet, broadcast, and apprenticeship programs.

http://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs_and_Training/Workforce_Investment_Act.htm

Solar Training Institute continues to grow to serve the needs of state workforce investment boards and skilled workers in its California locations: in San Jose, Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego. STI's new location in Honolulu, HI is operational to meet the needs of the great State of Hawaii.

About STI:

The Solar Training institute is an Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC®) accredited provider of accelerated solar training programs. STI employs expert industry instructors that develop and teach courses in Photovoltaic (PV) design and installation. The state-of-the-art curriculum prepares 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 sales, marketing and solar energy entrepreneurship, plus solar career guidance for skilled, technical and corporate career changers.

STI also partners with business to customize structured training classes also help them gain the skilled workers they need to meet the growing demands of alternative energy development and to 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 to prepare individuals and businesses for success in the solar industry.

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

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