

Press Release

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**SOLAR TRAINING INSTITUTE APPROVED FOR INCLUSION ON STATE OF HAWAII'S
ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LIST (ETPL) AND THE STATE ENERGY SECTOR
PARTNERSHIP (SESP) AND JOB TRAINING GRANT**

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

SAN JOSE, CA JUNE 01, 2011: After rigorous screening by the State of Hawaii's O'ahu Workforce Investment Board the Solar Training Institute (STI) has joined the ranks of state-approved workforce trainers. This listing, which follows the recent State of California listing, enables eligible 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 the people of Hawaii 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."

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STI now partners with key Hawaii workforce development agencies (such as O’ahu WorkLinks) to assist dislocated workers to reach their career development goals. The State of Hawaii received a \$6 million dollar grant to fund programs in renewable energy. 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. “This is especially gratifying to me to be working with the folks of Hawaii since I spent a good portion of my youth there.”

The Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, mandated Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIBs), in partnership with the State, to review applications and approve a list of training providers. Hawaii’s Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) was established as a result of the WIA with to provide access to funds and quality employment training for adults and dislocated workers to prepare them for employment in high demand occupations. 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, Anaheim, San Diego, and Honolulu, HI.

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 and solar thermal 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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