

Press Release

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***SOLAR TRAINING INSTITUTE BRINGS IREC ACCREDITED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC
DESIGN AND INSTALLATION COURSE TO SUPPORT THE HOT HAWAIIAN SOLAR
INDUSTRY***

STI's offering begins January 24, 2011 in Honolulu, Hawaii

SAN JOSE, CA, DECEMBER 01, 2010: The high cost of paradise is a boon to new career seekers, especially in solar PV design and installation.

The state of Hawaii already has the highest electric rates in the nation and they are climbing even higher-- and driving the fast-growing solar industry in Hawaii. The challenge for this sector is finding a well trained workforce. For jobseekers who want to transition into this industry the Solar Training Institute has nationally-accredited solar courses to help.

The accelerated 5-day program provides trainees with a comprehensive understanding of the design and installation of residential and commercial PV grid-tied systems. Many trainees who complete the course will seek NABCEP PV Installer Certification.

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The course covers essential topics such as an overview of the PV industry, panel and inverter specifications, grid-tied systems sizing and string calculations, site preparation, essential industry tools, electrical analysis, mechanical attachment, PV combiner box configuration and wiring, PV array conductor and grounding wire configuration, OSHA safety standards, system commissioning and final inspection, maintenance and troubleshooting.

The accelerated classes have benefited licensed contractors, Veterans and other career changers through STI's California offices in San Jose, San Diego, Los Angeles and Anaheim, CA.

What makes for a successful accelerated training? For one thing, insider knowledge and experience in solar. "Our instructors are active practitioners in the PV industry. They use the up to date knowledge and technology to prepare our trainees to better compete for skilled jobs in the solar industry" said Devin Ruiz, President of Solar Training Institute. "We are pleased to be able to participate in the growth of the solar industry in Hawaii by training companies and individuals to properly and safely install PV systems, thus creating a higher quality product to consumers.

The State of Hawaii Workforce Investment Board, whose mission includes helping dislocated workers get retrained and into new careers, is encouraging re-training programs such as these offered by STI. The exceptional growth of alternative energy programs, incentives and the adoption of new technology are interesting attractive to career changers from high tech, construction as well as active duty military personnel and veterans.

The class begins January 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a cost of \$1995 and will be held at the Associated Builders and Contractors Hawaii Chapter apprenticeship training center located at 1375 Dillingham Blvd. Suite 200, in Honolulu. Further information and registration access is available on the STI website: <http://www.trainingforsolar.com>.

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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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