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SOLAR TRAINING INSTITUTE AWARDED IREC ISPQ ACCREDITATION FOR PV DESIGN AND INSTALLATION COURSE - RIGOROUS STANDARDS MEAN SUPERIOR TRAINING

*Institute for Sustainable Power Quality (ISPQ) assessment
framework criteria used by IREC selects for quality trainers*

SAN JOSE, CA, DECEMBER 22, 2010: Not all solar training is created equal; how do you know that the training you are interested in taking is among the best? Accreditation by the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) is one primary assurance of the quality and usability of training in the alternative energy industry; and Solar Training Institute has earned it.

“We are honored to be one of only four solar training programs in the Pacific region to have IREC ISPQ Accredited Program. We have always sought to give our trainees the best value for their investment of time and tuition. This credential helps them get a leg up in the job market,” said Devin Ruiz, President of the Solar Training Institute.

The ISPQ assessment framework evaluates whether a training program meets strict standards regarding; qualification of the instructors, relevance of the skills and knowledge taught, quality of the facilities and equipment used for training, safety procedures and safe practices, and fiscal responsibility of the organization. Students attending STI can be confident that their training meets these high standards and will have an edge when competing for employment in the solar jobs market place.

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Increasingly, solar integrators seek candidates that have been trained through an IREC ISPQ Accredited program when choosing between competing qualified applicants. The IREC ISPQ seal of approval is a mark of quality training in the eyes of those hiring managers who keep up with the key trends in the solar industry, and it can give solar job seekers a point of distinction.

“The ISPQ framework of standards and metrics provide a means to compare content, quality, and resources across a broad range of training programs covering renewable energy, energy efficiency and distributed generation technologies. This international framework ensures legitimacy of what’s being taught and by whom” said Jane M. Weissman, Executive Director, Interstate Renewable Energy Council.

STI, based in San Jose California, offers the ISPQ certified course – PV Design and Installation at all of its locations; Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, CA 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. 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.

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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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