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Community Partners Come Together to Offer Green Jobs Training in San Antonio

Solar Photovoltaic training offered to local workforce to provide skills needed for growing solar industry in San Antonio and to support renewable energy options.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, October 8, 2009 - Solar San Antonio will be hosting a green jobs press conference at *8:30 a.m. next Tuesday, October 13th at the Finesilver Building* (816 Camaron, 78212) to coincide with the first day of a solar photovoltaic training course in partnership with local workforce agencies Alamo Labor Properties, American GI Forum, and Project Quest. The course is further supported by CPS Energy. The course will be taught by Clean Tech Training Center (Austin, TX), who will offer their Level I certificate course in Solar Photovoltaics to local trainees. This course will qualify participants to sit for the National Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Entry-level Certificate of Knowledge exam. This exam qualifies solar workers to perform installations with a solar installation company, and is the first step toward full certification as a solar worker.

Topics covered will include:

- Photovoltaics (PV): Role in the Renewable Energy Industry
- Job Site Safety
- Electricity
- Components
- Modules and Arrays
- Home Energy Audit and Load Analysis
- Site Evaluation
- Racking and BOS
- Mounting Techniques
- System Size and Design
- Costs and Today's Industry
- Monitoring and Trouble Shooting

Solar energy has been steadily decreasing in price, and has finally achieved grid parity in many jurisdictions with non-renewable energy sources such as fossil fuels. With the launch of CPS Energy's STEP rebate program, and the announcement of the upcoming Solartricity program (to be launched in January 2010), the need for a trained solar workforce to perform the work being demanded in our region has become increasingly clear. Will we prepare today for the challenges of tomorrow, or will we be caught ill-prepared for the coming challenges we will face? Through solar training initiatives such as this one, Solar San Antonio and its partners are attempting to answer that call. More information may be found at www.solarsanantonio.org

About Solar San Antonio: Solar San Antonio is a non-profit {501(c)(3)} advocacy and resource center for renewable and sustainable energy applications. Utilizing community education and outreach, we strive to decrease energy costs and improve the quality of life in San Antonio and South Texas. We actively

encourage the widespread use of solar and other renewable and sustainable energy sources informing the community about benefits to the regional economy, environment and human health, as well as supporting public policies that advance this possibility.

About Clean Tech Training Center: The Clean Tech Training Center provides an educational opportunity for those interested in the renewable energy sector. Our mission is to provide a quality educational experience and support for research initiatives within the renewable energy market. Focusing on solar, wind, hydro, and smart grid technologies, the Clean Tech Training Center strives to set the standard for renewable and efficient energy technology education while maintaining a clear focus on tomorrow's new technologies.



Save the Date: October 13 - 20
Who: SSA and The Clean Tech Training Center
What: Solar Installer Training Course
Where: Fine Silver Building, 816 Camaron St. from 9am - 6pm

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