

# NABCEP NEWS



## Calling All Certificants

If you would like a replacement certificate with the *new look* and Certification seal, you can email our office manager Sue Pratt at: [spratt@nabcep.org](mailto:spratt@nabcep.org).

*Please include your contact information and current address in the email.*



Join the **SMA Sunny PRO Club** for free and discounted NABCEP CE training.

## A Letter from the Executive Director

Hello,

Happy Spring! It has been a while since our last newsletter and that is because we have been really busy implementing changes here at NABCEP. It has been an exciting year so far and we are please to share our news with you. As you will see from the various sections of this newsletter, we have made some significant changes.

First, earlier this year, the NABCEP Board of Directors voted to widen the scope for the requirements to take the PV Installer exam and rename the certification. Individuals, who were certified as a Solar PV Installer, are now certified as NABCEP Certified PV Installation Professionals. So far, we have received a lot of positive feedback on this change. It is important to recognize that while the name of the certification has changed, the tasks outlined in the Job Task Analysis, and the exam have not changed at all. While additional people besides the "lead installer" may now qualify and become NABCEP Certified PV Installation Professionals, all certified individuals will have met the same stringent standards that made this credential so well respected in the PV industry.

Additionally, we have updated the Certification Seal (logo) for all Certifications. Marking our ten-year anniversary, we felt that it was time to update the look of the certification. We hope you will agree that it is a fresh and distinctive design.

Lastly, starting May 1st, Kristine Reynolds will take on the role of Operations Manager. Ms. Reynolds has been with NABCEP for over two years as the Applications Manager and many of you may know her through our conferences and certification programs. She will be assisting with operational matters, committees and keeping up the standards of our organization.

NABCEP recognizes that we have made a lot of changes this year so far. We always welcome feedback from you. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions, concerns and comments. We also invite you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter so you can keep up with our activities as they unfold. Thank you for your continued interest

**IMPORTANT NEWS  
FOR NABCEP PV  
INSTALLATION  
PROFESSIONALS:**

Customer Quality Assessment Surveys are no longer required. The NABCEP Board of Directors has recently approved the removal of the Quality Assessment Survey Procedure as outlined in NABCEP's Certification Compliance Monitoring Policy. You are no longer required to obtain quality assessment surveys from customers in order to maintain your certification.

*If you have any questions regarding this change of policy, please call our office manager, Sue Pratt. 800-654-0021 Ext.303*

**REMINDER:  
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APPLICATION  
DEADLINE  
FOR CERTIFICATI  
ON EXAMS:  
AUGUST 2, 2013  
FOR THE  
OCTOBER 19, 2013  
EXAMS**

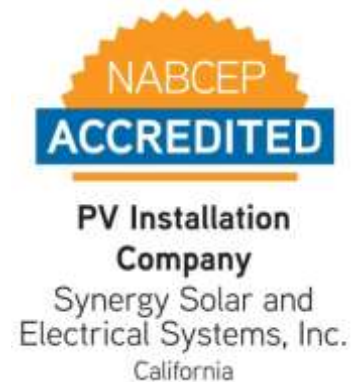
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in the mission of NABCEP.

Sincerely Yours,



Richard Lawrence



**NABCEP Awards Company  
Accreditation to Synergy Solar**

The North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) is very pleased to announce that Synergy Solar and Electrical Systems, Inc of Sebastopol, California has achieved NABCEP Company Accreditation. To earn this accreditation the PV installation company had to undergo a thorough

and rigorous application and review process that included the submission of procedures and policies and an independent, third party inspections of previously installed systems. The core elements of NABCEP Company Accreditation include: employment of NABCEP certified installation and technical sales personnel, documented and consistent policies and programs as they relate to the operations of the company, ongoing worker training program(s), and a strong focus on worker safety.

Richard Lawrence, Executive Director of NABCEP, says; "Earning the NABCEP Company Accreditation is a major accomplishment for Synergy Solar and Electrical Systems, Inc. In order to achieve this accreditation they had to demonstrate a company-wide commitment to quality assurance throughout the sales, installation, and after-sale process." He continues, "Our entire organization congratulates the team at Synergy Solar and Electrical Systems, Inc. They were a pleasure to work with during the application process and we were especially impressed with the results of the third-party inspections of their PV systems where they obtained a perfect score.

[Click here for the full press release.](#)

**Updated Criteria. New Look.  
Same Standard of  
Excellence.**



### **NABCEP Staff Profile**

Please congratulate Kristine Reynolds on her new position at NABCEP. She will be taking on the role of Operations Manager as of May 1st.

After two years in the position of Application Manager, Ms. Reynolds has become familiar to many of our applicants and certificants helping individuals through the application and testing processes. She states, "My first two years at NABCEP have been rewarding and I look forward to diving deeper into the processes of exam creation, committees, event planning, marketing and keeping up the high standards of this organization."

As Operations  
Manager Kristine

**NABCEP  
CERTIFIED**  
PV Installation  
Professional

# The new look of expertise.

NABCEP PV Installation Professional Certification looks a little different these days, but our promise has not changed. As the industry's mark of excellence, NABCEP certification continues to provide unparalleled opportunity for job advancement, salary growth and consumer trust.

**Experience. Quality. Professionalism.** Our promise has never changed. And our new look only makes certification more attractive.

**NABCEP PV Installation  
Professional Certification**  
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Raising Standards. Promoting Confidence.

**Did you know that you or your colleagues may now qualify to take the NABCEP PV Installation Professional Exam, or you may be able to recertify as a PV Installation Professional, without being "on the roof" everyday?**

NABCEP now recognizes that more than one PV Installation Professional may have a decision making role on a single project, even a modest residential installation. Roles such as designer, project manager, responsible electrician, commissioning agent, site foreman, and of course lead installer, may now qualify for certification and recertification.

Appropriate documentation, like a commissioning report, design plans, and permit/inspection document(s) must be submitted to verify your decision making role. If you are working in one of these roles and want to know more about whether you may now qualify under the new criteria, click [here for more information](#).

**About NABCEP:** The North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) is the most respected, well-established, and widely recognized national certification organization for solar professionals in the field of renewable energy. NABCEP is a volunteer board of representatives who are chosen based on their

will be training  
NABCEP's new  
Application  
Coordinator (TBA)  
and will be available  
at the same email  
address:  
kreynolds@nabcep.org.

experience and involvement in the solar energy industry. NABCEP's mission is to develop and implement quality credentialing and certification programs for practitioners by supporting and working closely with professionals and stakeholders in the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. To learn more visit

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