

NABCEP NEWS

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Deadline Approaches For All Applications

The next application deadline for all NABCEP certification exams is **January 24, 2014**. Applications that are completed and submitted by January 24, 2014 will be eligible for the **April 12, 2014** exam.

NABCEP only offers its certification exams twice a year. We strongly recommend beginning the process now, as it can take some time to gather all of the required documentation. Waiting until after the holidays to start the process could result in a six-month delay until the next exam.

To sit for the certification exam, you must provide documentation that you have met all education and experience prerequisites.

Go to our [website](#) to get started. Our staff will do all they can to assist you, but they cannot extend the deadline.

If you have already been accepted to take an exam, please schedule for it soon; you're much more likely to get a seat in your first-choice exam location. The deadline is **February 28, 2014** to schedule a seat in the next exams.

CE Conference Is Bound for Denver

The Third Annual NABCEP Continuing Education Conference takes place in Denver, CO, Thursday March 13 - Saturday March 15, 2014. The conference is designed for PV professionals who have attained NABCEP certification. Those who have passed the NABCEP Entry Level examination, licensed electricians and the colleagues of certificants are also invited, but they must have significant PV installation or sales experience and be able to benefit from the advanced level of the courses.

The three-day event enables NABCEP Certified PV Installation and Technical Sales Professionals to attain the 18 CE credits required for recertification. It also enables professionals who aren't yet certified to attain 18 of the 58 advanced training hours that are required for certification.

The conference will feature in-depth technical training from many of the industry's top manufacturers. "Roofing for Non-roofers," "2014 NEC Requirements for PV Systems," "Preventing Arc Faults and Ground Faults," and a panel on new software tools to reduce soft costs are among the planned sessions featuring nationally known experts. There will be ample time for networking, and participants will be able to take a behind-the-scenes tour of SMA's manufacturing plant.

Because enrollment will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, those who most need the CE hours are urged to sign up ASAP. The registration form is now "live" on our website; go to [CE Conference](#). Register by January 24, 2014 for the lowest rates.

For more information on the event and registration, call 518-280-4421 (Meeting Industry Experts, Inc.)

**Welcome to NABCEP's
New Staff Member!**



**Jeff Keller
Outreach and
Operations Manager**

Mr. Jeff Keller is the newest addition to our staff. His responsibilities as Outreach and Operations Manager include marketing, outreach, event planning and communications. He'll also work on grant writing and administrative tasks.

Mr. Keller has been employed in management roles in the non-profit sector for most of his professional career. He has worked as the Deputy Director for a statewide advocacy organization, NAMI-NYS, and the Executive Director of the Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County, NY. He has extensive experience in operations, communications, project management, and development.

New Benefits of Certification Announced

We have been compiling special offers and promotions for NABCEP Certified Professionals in order to provide you with more exclusive advantages on the industry's top products and services. We recently launched our Benefits of Certification page on the NABCEP website, which goes into detail about these offers and how you can sign up.

If you have a special promotion or discount you would like to offer our Certificants, please contact us at info@nabcep.org.

[Click Here](#) to view the new Benefits of Certification page.

**Highlighted Benefit:
OnGrid Tool Discount**



An ongoing [10% discount](#) for those who are currently a NABCEP Certified PV Installation Professional or PV Technical Sales Professional is now available. This discount can be applied to a monthly or annual subscription to the OnGrid Tool software.

The OnGrid Tool is the solar industry's most established sales software. It calculates optimal system size, electric bill savings, incentives and system net cost. Automatically-created proposals cover financial analysis, financing, environmental impact, and system performance. The OnGrid Tool is based in Microsoft Excel for offline use and user customization, with the OnGrid Sky web app for sales-team collaboration and management.

"The power and flexibility of the OnGrid Tool was obvious from the first time we saw it, and the customer support is outstanding. It's easy to use and we've been able to customize the look and information presented in our proposals."

Bill Wallerstein- Sunology Solar (NY)

NABCEP Certified PV Installation Professional
NABCEP Certified PV Technical Sales
Professional

Free Fall Protection Course Is Available

The National Roofing Contractors Association has received an OSHA grant to provide free [Roofing Industry Fall Protection from A to Z](#) courses in ten cities across the US between now and June 2014.

Click on the link for more information.

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