

## **NABCEP Partners with SolarTech for Solar Leadership Summit 2011**

In conjunction with corporate, investor, and national and state policymakers, NABCEP and SolarTech are partnering to identify a wide spectrum of tools and best practices that improve local markets for the solar industry and for consumers.

You are cordially invited to join SolarTech and NABCEP on March 29th and 30th in Silicon Valley as we work toward market-based solutions to accelerate solar's permanent place in the U.S. energy mix. Be at the table and help us develop actionable tools in response to issues ranging from financing, permitting, performance, workforce readiness, installation, interconnection, and energy efficiency. If you register before March 15 you can get a 20% discount by using the code NABCEP2011.

Ezra Auerbach, NABCEP's executive director, will be participating as a moderator in a session aimed at looking at the value of certification as a tool to lower overall life cycle costs by improving quality installations and sales processes. For more information on the summit or to register to attend please visit [www.calsolarsummit.org](http://www.calsolarsummit.org).



**Trojan Batteries is NABCEP's Newest Corporate Sponsor**

We are pleased to announce that Trojan Batteries, a leading supplier of batteries to the renewable energy market, has become a Silver Level Sponsor of NABCEP. Trojan's sponsorship of NABCEP credentialing initiatives supports the continued development of industry standards for certification of photovoltaic (PV) system professionals. Certification ensures that PV practitioners have demonstrated the proper knowledge and training to effectively specify, build, and install PV systems. It is in the best interest of the PV marketplace that consumers have access to certified PV professionals to ensure their systems function properly, as well as preserve the longevity of the batteries that may power those systems.

"As the renewable energy market continues its rapid growth, demand for skilled installation professionals will continue to be needed," said Dean Middleton, Trojan director of renewable energy sales, Americas. "Trojan's sponsorship of NABCEP will assist in expanding the knowledge and expertise of renewable energy system professionals, which will greatly support the adoption of alternative energy applications. The more qualified the installer is, the less failures in the field."

"Trojan has a long history of leadership in the renewable energy marketplace and the company's generous support of NABCEP is one more example of its commitment to continuous improvement and growth of the industry," said Ezra Auerbach, executive director of NABCEP. "Trojan already has an excellent relationship with our organization and its installer training on batteries is a valuable contribution to the continuing education of our certified professionals."

To read the complete press release issued by Trojan visit <http://www.nabcep.org/news/trojan-battery-sponsors-nabcep>.

**NABCEP Online Store**

Welcome to NABCEP's Online Store. We have opened this portal so that our Certificate, Seasoned Entry Level Candidates and Supporters can purchase NABCEP branded merchandise for their personal and professional use. The store has three sections, Certificates Only, Entry Level Only and General Interest. Each section has a range of unique goods aimed at the specific audience.

Click the appropriate box to the right to visit the site that is appropriate for you. Your purchase of goods from this site will help NABCEP fund its mission by supporting the outreach and marketing efforts of our organization.

**The Certificates Only**  
Seasoned Entry Level Candidates to visit the store you will need to provide your name and Certificate number to proceed. All merchandise sold at that section of the store will be personalized with your name and Certificate number. All goods on this site will feature the NABCEP Certified logo. For more information, visit the page of this site.

**The Entry Level Only**  
The section is for our entry level those who have passed the NABCEP Entry Level Exam. Those who enter products will have the products personalized with their name which will be your check with our store have taken the order is that. All goods on this site will feature the NABCEP Entry Level Exam logo.

**The General Interest**  
This is open to anyone who wishes to support NABCEP and our mission and all goods on this site will feature the NABCEP Corporate logo.

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## NABCEP Online Store Opens for Business

You can now show your support for NABCEP by displaying our corporate logo on a wide variety of items, ranging from cozy winter toques and pullover sweats to pens, flashlights, and even ANSI-approved safety caps. Visit our store at [www.nabceponlinestore.org](http://www.nabceponlinestore.org), click on "The General Interest" tab and shop for NABCEP-branded goods. If you are a Certified NABCEP Installer don't miss "The Certificants Only" portion of the site where you can purchase clothing that is branded with the Certified Installer (or sales professional) logo, personalized with your name and certification number.

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**About NABCEP: The North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) is the most respected, well established, and widely recognized national certification organization for professional installers in the field of renewable energy. NABCEP is a volunteer board of representatives who are chosen based on their 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 [www.nabcep.org](http://www.nabcep.org).**