

Fall 2021 NABCEP News



NABCEP'S 2021 CE CONFERENCE WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our 2021 Platinum Sponsor BayWa r.e. along with all our other conference sponsors, exhibitors, trainers, speakers and attendees for attending our 10 year CE Conference held on August 9-12, 2021 in Knoxville, TN. With the support of more than 70 exhibitors, 60 technical training sessions, 8 panel sessions, and over 500 attendees, we are pleased to report this was another successful event.

Hearing conference feedback, we established that our attendees found the conference informative and worthwhile. We believe our diverse and dynamic group of trainers and panelists provided in-depth insight, as well as actionable and practical tools of education and outreach, striking the conference a success.

Your presence helped make this event a great success, and your enthusiasm and positive spirit made our time together both productive and fun.

Congratulations to Clay Luna for his outstanding volunteer work and being the winner of this years Walt Ratterman Award.
And to Tori Zimbardi, winner of NABCEP's 10 year anniversary prize give-a-way of a \$1,000 gift card.

See highlights from the conference in the video below.



[Take Our Conference Survey!](#)

If you attended the NABCEP 2021 CE Conference in Knoxville, TN, please take our survey below. We take great pride in knowing our exhibitors and certificants are satisfied with our conference planning, and it also helps us improve going forward.

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[Save The Date - March 28-31, 2022](#)

Join us in March 2022 as we move our conference to the west coast. Sheraton Downtown Phoenix, AZ will be hosting our conference under one roof. You'll receive the utmost education on the hottest topics of the year. Our conference registration will be opening in mid-late October 2021! More detailed information on the upcoming 2022 conference will be available soon.

[Les Nelson Scholarship Fund for](#)

Volunteers



NABCEP and its Board of Directors have developed the Les Nelson Scholarship Fund for Volunteers as a tribute to Mr. Les Nelson, a passionate advocate of the renewable energy industry. The scholarship will focus on helping individuals with volunteer

experience enter or expand their role in the solar PV or solar heating industries through credentialing, Board Certification, and continuing education.

Scholarship recipients will receive:

- NABCEP exam fees will be covered for the Associate or Board Certification exam of their choosing
- One (1) admission to an annual NABCEP CE Conference
- Travel costs to the NABCEP CE Conference (up to \$800)

Scholarship recipients will have two (2) years from the date of receiving the scholarship to earn their NABCEP Associate, NABCEP Board Certification, and attend the NABCEP CE Conference.

Scholarship applicants are required to:

- Have a proven track record of volunteerism along with letters of recommendation
- Demonstrate financial need
- Show a commitment to the solar PV and/or solar heating industries
- Exhibit leadership skills

For more information, please see the [Les Nelson Scholarship](#) page on our website.

Energy Storage Certification - Coming in 2022!

NABCEP is excited to announce we will be supporting the CREATE Energy Center and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) to create an Energy/Battery Storage Board Certification. With support from a grant issued by the National Science Foundation, the three entities will be partnering up to address the need for a commonly accepted standard of education or training for technicians working with battery energy storage systems technology.

With a newly-created industry recognized Energy Storage Certification, NABCEP will continue to equip technicians in the renewable energies

industries with the best tools for success. As everyone knows, our Board Certifications are considered to be the “gold standard”. Therefore, we believe this new Board Certification will address a crucial need in this industry by looking towards future storage technologies such as lithium polymer batteries, metal-air batteries, flow batteries and fuel cells. This project will also develop energy storage certification exams in both English and Spanish, making an important contribution to advance equity in the clean energy sector and highlight its growing diverse workforce.

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[New myNABCEP Platform Now LIVE!](#)

The new [myNABCEP](#) platform successfully launched on July 22, 2021!

What does the new myNABCEP platform let you do?

- Complete your applications online, using any mobile device or computer, 24x7
- Upload and manage your certification files and documents online in a “Digital Wallet”
- Pay your application & recertification fees online
- Receive email reminders that keep you on time and on task so you never forget something
- Receive email alerts when we have reviewed and approved your submissions
- Receive a digital copy of your certificate upon completion
- User guides and how-to-videos are available in each account and will be updated periodically with new information

[New Alternative Pathway For Associate Registered Training Providers](#)

We don't need no education... or do we? The solar industry is rushing to meet demand and NABCEP's Board of Directors has added one more brick in the wall to get there. We invite educational providers who satisfy specific criteria and standards related to the operations, fiscal management and educational methodology to apply for accreditation through our internal accreditation program. Upon approval, NABCEP Accredited Providers will be eligible to register with NABCEP as an Associate training provider with the same benefits, rights and responsibilities as all other NABCEP Associate Registered Training

Providers.

This internal Accreditation Program offers an alternative pathway to accreditation for NABCEP education purposes. It establishes a standard of quality education and reliable business practices in support of safe, fair and accurate training for the renewable energy workforce. Institutions who qualify for accreditation will be able to offer courses that can be used to qualify for NABCEP Associate credentials.

To request the NABCEP Internal Accreditation Handbook and an application, please email your request to Ursula Abrams at uabrams@nabcep.org. The handbook and application will be added to the [For Training Providers](#) page under Education & Training on the NABCEP website in the near future.

FIT-QM Beta Testing

We are happy to report that Rudy Saporite, Sr. Manager, Energy & Sustainability at [IBTS](#), and his development team were a huge hit at the NABCEP 2021 CE Conference! IBTS had great turnout for Rudy's Session on Remote Inspection Technologies and they received excellent insights and feedback from the attendees.

As some of you may already know, Rudy and his team at IBTS have been leading the FIT-QM project, a DOE-funded grant initiative that NABCEP is a supporting partner of. The goal of the project is to create the FIT-QM software, which will develop a national PV inspection platform to help understand and increase the quality of PV systems. Once developed, the app will be used as a new type of software platform that functions as a quality management tool to make for more efficient PV project planning. The software will be intended for use by PV installers, designers and inspectors. Rudy and his team are looking for additional assistance for the final stages of the FIT-QM project: completing the Beta testing phase and bringing the product to the market. The FIT-QM development team has been working tirelessly to analyze the results from the Alpha testing completed last year and bring home this last leg of the FIT-QM project.

If you feel you have the substantive qualifications to join the members of the FIT-QM Stakeholder Group and would like to participate in Beta-Testing, please contact NABCEP Project Coordinator Eric Filante (efilante@nabcep.org).

365 Pronto

[365 Pronto](#), a NABCEP Preferred Partner, is revolutionizing the operation and maintenance of electric vehicle charging stations, related battery

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Theirs is the world's first platform to match cleantech asset owners directly to local, on-demand, certified service providers – YOU!

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Click the image below to watch more about how this works:



365 Pronto has recently acquired differentiating customers which led to hundreds of work orders completed by onboarded providers in September.

If you're already a 365 Pronto provider. Great! Not yet a provider? You can onboard in less than ten minutes by clicking this [link](#).

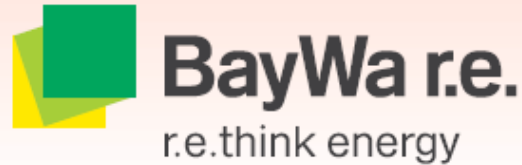
365 Pronto's operations team is excited to help you start accepting work orders as soon as tomorrow in the fast-growing solar, battery, and EV industries.

You can also catch their team at the 2022 NABCEP CE Conference as it is right in their backyard in sunny Phoenix, Arizona!

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