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NABCEP PVIP Survey - Your Input is Essential!



NABCEP is releasing a survey to collect input on updating the Job Task Analysis (JTA) for our PV Installation Professional Board Certification (PVIP).

The online survey is designed to obtain broad stakeholder input in order to update the JTA for our PVIP Board Certification. Your feedback is critical for the continuation of a valid and fair examination for the PVIP Board Certification, as well as the future of **NABCEP**. **The JTA survey will remain open until 11:59pm on Sunday, May 25th.**

If you are **NABCEP** Board-Certified Professional or an Associate Credential-holder, your efforts for participating in the survey entitle you to **earn one (1) CEU**. According to NABCEP company policy, you may upload it as continuing education credit for JTA or Elective. If you have any further questions regarding this, please contact:

- **NABCEP** Certification Manager Luis Gallaga (lgallaga@nabcep.org)
- **NABCEP** Project Coordinator Eric Filante (efilante@nabcep.org)

Please forward this survey to those in your solar/PV networks with relevant experience!

Take the PVIP
Survey

Walt Ratterman & Les Nelson Awards 2026 - NOW OPEN



Every year, NABCEP honors Walt Ratterman, one of our first Board Certified Professionals, who was killed while working in Haiti when a devastating earthquake struck. Walt's astonishing renewable energy work among some of the worlds most needy was truly inspirational.

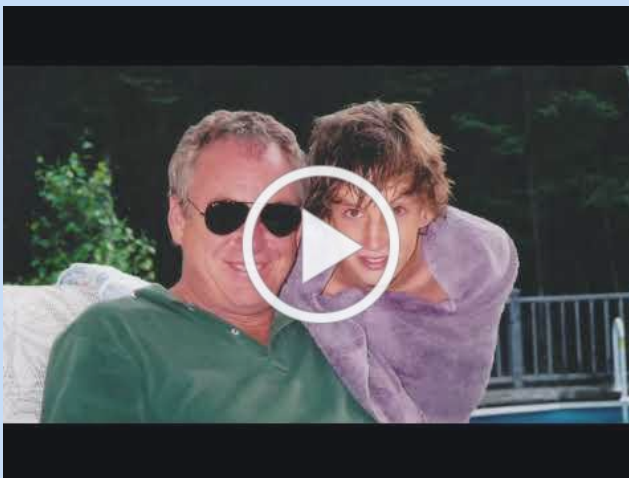
The Walt Ratterman Award will be presented to a Member of the NABCEP Community who has done a creative public service-oriented renewable energy project. The Award will be presented during the 2026 NABCEP CE Conference held in Milwaukee, WI from March 16 - 19, 2026 and NABCEP will donate \$500 to the charity of the winner's choice.

Nominations for the award will be accepted until November 1, 2025.

Installations can be domestic or offshore and the award recipient can be paid for his or her work, but the project must be performed at no charge for a charitable organization.

For more info and considerations, [click here](#).

To nominate yourself or someone else for this award, [click here](#).



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)
- One (1) free on-line course provided by Solar Energy International (SEI)

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.

To nominate someone, download the [application here](#). When you have a completed application, please e-mail it to NABCEP CEO & President Shawn O'Brien at: sobrien@nabcep.org.

Applications for the 2026 Scholarship must be submitted by November 1, 2025. The award winner will be announced at next year's CE Conference in Milwaukee, WI (March 16 - 19, 2026).

Spotlight on Yes Solar Solutions: A NABCEP Accredited Company



YES SOLAR SOLUTIONS

Congratulations to the fine folks at [Yes Solar Solutions](#)! Not only did they recently successfully renew as a [NABCEP Accredited Company](#), they have also earned the Elite status on the [Energy Sage platform](#). We thank [Yes Solar Solutions](#) for several years of being the only Accredited Company based in North Carolina. We also thank Energy Sage (a [NABCEP Preferred Partner](#)) for recognizing their ability to provide customers' with a high-quality experience. If you're interested in applying for the [NABCEP Company Accreditation](#) certificate, please contact Project Coordinator [Eric Filante](#).

Below is an excerpt from the press-release recounting this awesome accomplishment. For the full article, you can [click here](#).

"[Yes Solar Solutions](#), a leading solar energy provider in North Carolina, proudly announces its achievement of Elite Status on the [Energy Sage platform](#). Energy Sage, a prominent online marketplace connecting homeowners with reputable solar installers, rigorously vets its partners, ensuring only the most qualified and reliable companies earn Elite status. Status criteria includes:

- Responsiveness
- Timeliness
- Customer Engagement
- Reviews on both Energy Sage and other platforms
- Pricing and close rates

Kathy Miller, Yes Solar's CEO and Co-Founder said "Gaining Elite Status on Energy Sage is a huge win for Yes Solar Solutions! It's not just about the recognition; it's about the

enhanced credibility it brings. Energy Sage is a trusted platform for homeowners researching solar, and its rigorous vetting process ensures only the best installers achieve Elite status. This further strengthens our reputation and helps more homeowners find us when they're ready to go solar. We encourage potential customers to [contact us](#) for information about how they too can explore solar.

Yes Solar's success on Energy Sage is a direct result of their comprehensive approach to customer engagement and project management. The company utilizes a multifaceted strategy to connect with potential clients, having actively participated in seven Solarize programs and installing grant-funded projects to provide free solar to low-to-middle-income households. This dedication to community engagement underscores Yes Solar's commitment to making solar energy accessible to a broader range of homeowners. Their broad reach and commitment to inclusivity are key factors in their success."

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- [Board Certification Pathways](#)

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