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## NABCEP News & Updates

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### Headlines

#### Be On the Lookout - Coming Soon From NABCEP

- **NABCEP's 2026 CE Conference** will be opening registration very soon! As a reminder, next year's CE Conference will be held in **Milwaukee, WI from March 16 - 19** and will be located at the **Baird Center**. Also, we are excited to announce that for our 2026 CE Conference, NABCEP will be hosting **two (2!) different themed night events!** On Monday, March 16, we will be hosting a "**Sports Night**" theme night event, where you are encouraged to show support by wearing your favorite team's jersey. On Tuesday, March 17, we will be hosting a "**St. Patrick's Day**" theme night event. All theme night events will be held onsite. So be on the lookout for our announcement for opening registration by the end of September! **Interested in Sponsoring or Exhibiting at the 2026 NABCEP CE Conference?** Be sure to contact NABCEP Conference & Meeting Coordinator **Jada Alcindor:** [jalcindor@nabcep.org](mailto:jalcindor@nabcep.org)
- NABCEP has two future announcements regarding our **Associate Program**. First, our updated Job Task Analysis (JTA) for the PV Associate (PVA) Credential will be issued in the next few weeks. All NABCEP ARTPs will receive an official announcement from us very soon and should be prepared to make any necessary adjustments to your curriculum. Also, NABCEP will be releasing a new Associate Credential at the end of 2025 with a specialized focus in Operations and Maintenance. Stay tuned for future announcements regarding the release dates of the new Operations & Maintenance Associate Technician (OMAT) JTA and exam.
- NABCEP staff will be appearing at the following conferences. If you're attending any one of these conferences, stop by our booth and say hello! We'll likely have even more new stuff to announce (future CE Conference updates, Board Emeritus program, new Associate Credential, etc.) and have some nice swag to give out.
  - September 8 - 11 - [RE+ 25 in Las Vegas, NV.](#)
  - November 18 - 19 - [IESNA Texas in Grapevine, TX.](#)

**Walt Ratterman & Les Nelson Awards 2026 - Submit Your Nominees Now!**



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.

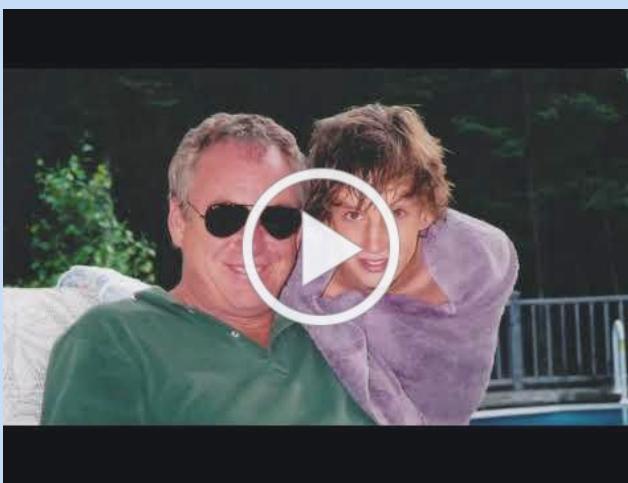
The Walt Ratterman Award will be presented to a Member of the NABCEP Community who has done a creative public service-oriented renewable energy project. The Award will be presented during the 2026 NABCEP CE Conference held in Milwaukee, WI from March 16 - 19, 2026 and NABCEP will donate \$500 to the 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 for the Walt Ratterman award, [click here](#).

To nominate yourself or someone else for the Walt Ratterman 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 for the Les Nelson Scholarship, 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](mailto:sobrien@nabcep.org).

**Applications for the 2026 Les Nelson 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).

## ESIP - Last Chance to Take Exam for FREE



We are coming up on the second anniversary of the launch of our Energy Storage Installation Professional ([ESIP](#)) Board Certification exam! **NABCEP is still promoting our limited-time offer of waiving the exam fee for our ESIP Board Certification.** However, this opportunity to **save \$375** will expire on October 1, 2025. So if you've been deciding whether or not to pursue this Board Certification exam, NOW is the time! After October 1, both the application and exam fees (\$500 total) will be required to take the ESIP exam.

If you're interested in applying for the ESIP exam but still have questions, please contact either NABCEP Certification Manager [Luis Gallaga](#) or Project Coordinator [Eric Filante](#).

Also, folks who are looking to earn our PV Installation Professional (PVIP) Board Certification but want to take the exam before gaining on-the-job experience should consider our [Board Eligible Program](#)! This is an excellent alternative for those who are looking for a different path to become NABCEP Board-Certified. While you do not become Board Certified solely by passing the PVIP exam, you will be just a few steps away after completing all the necessary work experience requirements.

For more information on our Board Eligible Program, you can either [click here](#) or download our latest edition of the NABCEP [Certification Handbook](#).

We encourage interested applicants to [contact us](#) for more information about how you too can explore all the different pathways towards a career in solar/PV.



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**IESNA**



**Join NABCEP at Intersolar & Energy Storage North America (IESNA) Texas!**

For the second year running, we're proud to partner with [IESNA Texas](#)—an event dedicated to showcasing innovation, facilitating collaboration, and providing education to solar + storage professionals doing or seeking business in the state.

You're invited to join NABCEP at IESNA Texas this November 18-19 at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center. From the exhibit hall to the conference program, our team will be onsite to discuss training opportunities and share best practices during two workshops.

As an event partner, we're excited to offer you **free exhibit hall access and 20% off a conference pass**. [Use this link](#) to register with our discount today!

## Why Attend IESNA Texas 2025?

- Meet with [over 80 exhibitors](#), including ABB Inc., APsystems, Gautam Solar Private Limited, Konark Energy, Risa Solar LLC, Polytrade Global S.R.L, EcoFlow Technology Inc., and Yotta Energy.
- Connect with industry peers during a lively **Happy Hour + After Party**, open to all passholders, featuring live music, special events, refreshments, and more.
- Gain key insights during [11 conference sessions](#) covering critical topics across Finance, Policy and Regulation, Market Development, and more. *Even better?* Access to NABCEP's two workshops are included in a conference pass!

We're proud to partner with IESNA Texas, an event that offers **real value and regional relevance**. [Join us this November at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center](#) and take advantage of our exclusive NABCEP discount!

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- Working With Electricity (G108)
- Navigating the NEC (G110)
- Basic Photovoltaics (PV 101)
- PV System Design (PV 202)
- NABCEP PV Associate Exam Prep
- PV Associate Core Course ONLINE

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Whether you're just getting started or working toward advanced credentials, the **Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA)** offers flexible, [online training](#) designed to help you grow in the renewable energy industry.

### **NEW Solar+Storage Online Courses**

Explore our newest course offerings focused on energy storage systems. Learn about

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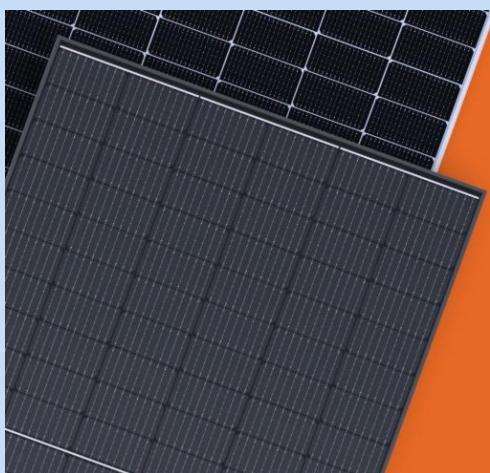
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