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## NABCEP News & Updates

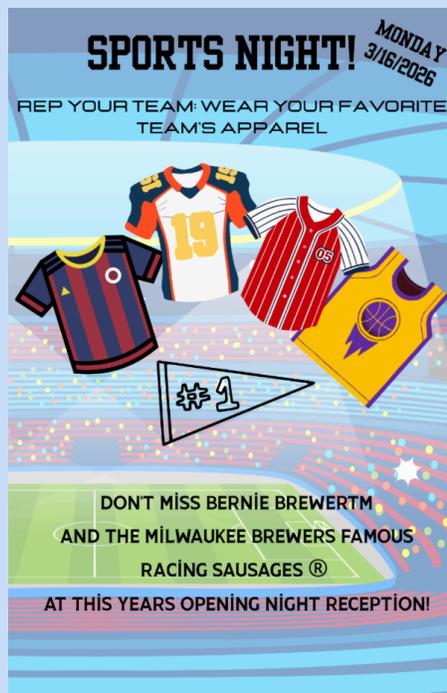
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### Headlines

**NABCEP 2026 CE Conference - Early Bird Pricing Expires SATURDAY NIGHT! Register NOW to [Save \\$150!](#)**



- This is the last weekend to register for [NABCEP's 2026 CE Conference](#) with the **Early Bird Pricing**, which will save you **\$150 per registration!** We will officially be ending the Early Bird Pricing on **Saturday, Jan. 31 at 11:59pm (PST)**.
- Don't miss out on one of the best conferences in Renewable Energy, especially at this great price reduction! As a reminder, our 2026 CE Conference will be held in **Milwaukee, WI from March 16 - 19** and will be located at the [Baird Center](#).



- Remember for this year, we are excited to 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) .

[Register for the 2026 NABCEP CE Conference](#)

## Upcoming NABCEP News & Conference Appearances

NABCEP has two **BIG** announcements coming soon! The first is regarding our [Associate Program](#). NABCEP will be releasing a new Associate Credential with a focus in Operations & Maintenance. We expect to have the new Operations & Maintenance Associate Technician (OMAT) JTA and exam available within the coming weeks.

Second, because our [Energy Storage Installation Professional](#) Certification (ESIP) has been a huge hit, NABCEP is releasing a Spanish version of the exam! This is incredibly important to NABCEP as we continue to develop a global presence and the storage sector of Solar/PV becomes even more crucial to the future success of our industry. NABCEP also wants to play our part in continuing to increase the diversity of the Solar/PV workforce that has exploded over the last few years. We believe the Spanish ESIP exam will be released in the coming weeks as well. Stay tuned to our all socials and our e-newsletters!

Lastly, NABCEP staff will be appearing at the following conferences. If you're attending either one of these events, stop by our booth and say hello! We'll be looking to make new connections and say hello to all our friends... and we'll have some nice swag to give out!

- February 3 - 5 - [RE+ Northeast in Boston, MA.](#)
- February 18 - 20 - [IESNA Flagship in San Diego, CA.](#)



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### Highlights:

- **FAA Part 107 Exam Prep:** High-level review of key concepts, test strategies, and scheduling support
- **Self-Paced Course Enrollment:** Access a comprehensive online drone pilot course
- **Hands-On Drone Training:** Practice flying with various drones and simulators (Free drone included!)
- **3D Modeling Basics:** Learn photogrammetry and 3D visualization techniques for PV design

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## [IESNA](#)



Join NABCEP at [Intersolar & Energy Storage North America \(IESNA\) Flagship!](#) Held February 18-20 in San Diego, CA, the annual tradeshow and conference brings together professionals across the US, showcasing innovation and examining policy, technology, and market developments. Highlights include:

- A **curated exhibit hall** featuring top clean energy innovators including ABC Supply, FranklinWH, Greentech Renewables, IronRidge, JA Solar, Lunar Energy, SEG Solar, Sol-Ark, and more
- **28 conference sessions** covering critical topics including Financing the Energy Transition, Energy Policy, Manufacturing and Supply Chain, and Distributed Energy Resources
- The crowd-favorite **Solar Games installer competition** where 6 teams are judged on installation quality, safety, speed, and more as they go head-to-head for a **\$10,000 cash prize**
- The **Hub Stage powered by SunCast Media** featuring engaging interviews with industry experts and thought leaders
- Industry celebration at California Solar & Storage Association's **Solar Battle of the Bands**

- Workshops, executive programming, and informative networking meals

Plus, kick start IESNA Flagship with NABCEP on February 17 by attending a pre-conference workshop: “[From Field-Ready Training to PV Reliability: A Complete Blueprint for Workforce Excellence.](#)”

Master Electrician **Nick Matthes** (Creator/CEO of Illumination Solar) and Solar + Storage Educator **Emmitt Muckles** (Founder & Principal Consultant, S.E. Power Consulting, NABCEP Board of Directors Member) will explore practical approaches to building field-ready PV technicians. The session will include a deep dive into boosting reliability with real-world insights on the top 10 common challenges and proven prevention strategies to ensure long-term system success in today’s evolving solar landscape.

*Even better? Attendees of this workshop will be eligible for 3 hours of NABCEP CEUs.*

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Join NABCEP at IESNA Flagship—at a discount! Use our partner code [NABCEPNEWS](#) to secure 20% off a conference pass and/or free exhibit hall access today.

## [YASKAWA SOLECTRIA SOLAR](#)

The graphic features a green top half and a blue bottom half, separated by a white wavy line. At the top, the text 'RECHARGE WITH SOLECTRIA WEBINAR SERIES' is displayed in white and blue. Below this, three green circles are connected by a white line, containing the words 'LEARN', 'ASSESS', and 'APPLY' in blue. In the bottom left, '2026 SCHEDULE' is written in large orange letters. To the right, a list of dates is provided: JANUARY 29, MARCH 28, MAY 28, JULY 30, SEPTEMBER 24, and DECEMBER 3. The YASKAWA SOLECTRIA SOLAR logo is in the bottom right corner.

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### A NEW WEBINAR SERIES FROM YASKAWA SOLECTRIA SOLAR

**Recharge with Solectria**, a dynamic webinar series exploring the latest solar technology, industry trends, and expert insights—focuses on the critical role of inverters in today’s solar energy systems. Each session features two expert Yaskawa Solectria Solar hosts, runs under an hour, and delivers practical value you can use right away.

**LEARN.** Discover emerging technologies, evolving standards, and the latest innovations shaping solar inverter performance and system design.

**ASSESS.** Gain our perspectives to evaluate real-world challenges, market trends, and best practices across utility-scale and commercial solar.

**APPLY.** Turn insight into action with practical guidance you can apply to your projects, designs, and operations.

Our first show – **“FEOC Compliance You Can Count On”** – is on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM CST and will be hosted by Miles C. Russell, Director of Product Management, and Jonathan Helmuth, Director of Sales. These two industry leaders will discuss the latest in Yaskawa Solectria Solar’s US-Made XGI 1500 Inverters and company compliance with FEOC restrictions.

**Tune in to hear about:**

Summary of evolving FEOC restrictions faced by the solar industry.

Review of how Yaskawa Solectria Solar XGI 1500 Inverters stack up in terms of FEOC Compliance and Domestic Content for BABA Compliance.

Can’t make this one, check out our full 2026 schedule and access previous webinars on-demand by visiting <https://solectria.com/trainings/webinars/>

Join Us. Recharge your knowledge—[register today](#).

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