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Headlines

NABCEP 2026 CE Conference - Register NOW So You Don't Have FOMO Later!



- [NABCEP's 2026 CE Conference](#) is open for registration and we are anticipating very strong numbers next year! 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 .

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

Walt Ratterman & Les Nelson Awards 2026 - Submit Your Nominees By Tomorrow, November 1st!



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 tomorrow, 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:

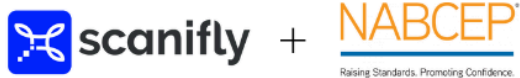
- NABCEP exam fees will be covered for the Associate or Board Certification exam of their choosing
- One (1) admission to an annual NABCEP CE Conference
- Travel costs to the NABCEP CE Conference (up to \$800)
- One (1) free on-line course provided by Solar Energy International (SEI)

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.

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

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- **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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Join NABCEP at Intersolar & Energy Storage North America (IESNA) Texas | Nov. 18-19 | Grapevine

In just a few weeks, you can find us at the [IESNA Texas](#) tradeshow and conference! Dedicated to showcasing innovation, facilitating collaboration, and providing key insights, the regional event will bring together hundreds of top suppliers, industry experts, and solar + storage professionals from across the state.

Connect with our team:

- In the exhibit hall at **booth #405** to discuss training opportunities
- Within the conference program, gaining best practices during two technical workshops

As an event partner, we're pleased to offer **free exhibit hall access and 20% off a conference pass**—use code: **213232** to [register with our exclusive NABCEP discount!](#)

Why Attend IESNA Texas 2025?

- **Premium exhibition**, with [industry-leading innovators](#) showcasing quality products, services, and solutions.
- [Impactful activities](#) to grow your professional network and tap into peer expertise. Don't miss the happy hour and event party on November 18, featuring a **local beer cart sponsored by NABCEP!**
- **Focused education** through [11 sessions](#) covering finance, policy and regulation, grid modernization, and more.

- *New for 2025, the **Heated Exchange panel** will feature NABCEP Board Director and industry trainer **Emmitt Muckles** and other association representatives—diving into industry trends while tasting a spicy lineup of Yellowbird hot sauces!*
- **Technical workshops**—included with all conference passes—to help you earn CEUs and expand your understanding of:
 - [Introduction to Virtual Power Plants \(VPPs\) and Smart Homes](#)
 - [Solar PV Installation: Best Practices + Code Compliance](#)

We're proud to partner with IESNA Texas, an event offering real value and regional relevance for the state's solar + storage community. Join us next month and take advantage of our [NABCEP partner discount](#) today!

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