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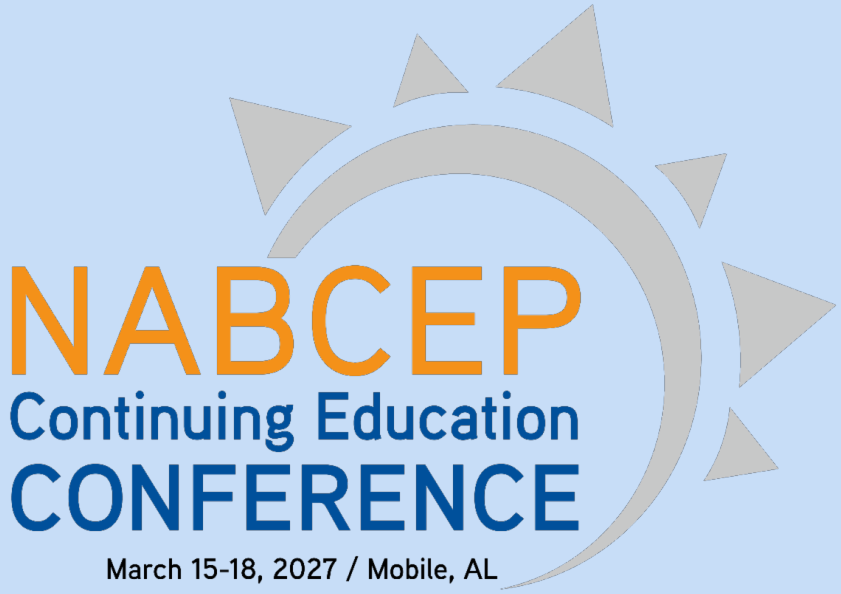
NABCEP 2027 CE Conference - Register NOW So You Don't Have FOMO Later!



- NABCEP's 2027 CE Conference is open for registration! Our conference will be held in **Mobile, AL from March 15 - 18** at the Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center.

- We have an exciting **theme night event** planned for this year! On Tuesday, March 16, we will be hosting a **"Mardi Gras"** theme night to celebrate Mobile's history as "**The Birthplace of Mardi Gras**"! Dress up, bring some beads, and get ready to party with us down South!

- **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 2027 CE Conference

Walt Ratterman & Les Nelson Awards 2027 - Submit Your Nominees By Tuesday, December 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 2027 NABCEP CE Conference held in Mobile, AL from March 15 - 18, 2027 and NABCEP will donate $500 to the charity of the winner's choice.

Nominations for the award will be accepted until Tuesday, December 1, 2026.

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 2027 Les Nelson Scholarship must be submitted by Tuesday, December 1, 2026. The award winner will be announced at next year's CE Conference in Mobile, AL (March 15 - 18, 2027).

Scanifly - Fly Drones at the 2027 NABCEP CE Conference

Want to add drone skills to your solar toolkit? Join **Scanifly** for four days of practical training that covers everything you need to know for your FAA Part 107 certification. We'll walk you through the exam prep and get you comfortable flying drones—perfect for solar pros looking to make site surveys faster, safer, and more accurate.

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Yaskawa Solectria Solar

Race On Over and join Team Solectria at the RE+ 2026, the largest clean energy show in North America. Set in Las Vegas and making its debut at the Las Vegas Convention Center, RE+ 2026 brings the modern energy industry together to meet the power demands of the future.

Make sure to take a pit stop at the Yaskawa Solectria Solar booth C4622 to visit our Fan Zone and snap a photo in the Winner's Circle! We look forward to connecting with you and sharing our made in the USA inverter solutions. Visit for more info and to set up your one-on-one booth meeting with our team, **https://www.yaskawa.com/documents/20197/10082644/replus.html/df1beda9-61e9-4c46-abc5-1637c39a1e39**

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.

CRITICAL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS for Yaskawa Solectria Solar Utility-Scale Inverters

Date: Thursday, December 3rd
Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CT

Announcing our 6th and final 2026 Recharge with Solectria webinar **NAVIGATING COMMUNICATIONS & DIAGNOSTICS, SOLECTRIA® XGI Inverters**. Hosted by Yaskawa Solectria Solar's John Lavelle, attendees will learn from our Solar Industry Tech Support Engineers; Josias Robles and Ryan Plucinski the needed knowledge and tools to navigate the SOLECTRIA® XGI 1500's graphical user interface and troubleshoot communication issues affecting single or multiple inverters.

Attendees will learn how to use the Advanced Network Configuration page to identify the specific settings required for communication with third-party monitoring platforms and the remote access portal. We'll also cover common causes and symptoms of communication issues and provide guidance for diagnosing and resolving them.

Finally, the webinar will walk attendees through the First-Time Start Wizard, including how to add newly installed inverters to a new or existing cluster.

Attendees will learn:

- How to diagnose communication outages on an inverter
- How to configure third-party communications
- How to navigate the First-Time Start Wizard
- How to search for and update to the latest firmware

To register, learn more or check out our full 2027 schedule and access previous webinars on-demand visit **https://solectria.com/trainings/webinars/**

Join Us. Recharge your knowledge—**register today**.

IESNA Flagship

Rework. Inspection surprises. Shifting BESS and NEC rules. Work through them with installers, EPCs, and technical experts at **Intersolar & Energy Storage North America (IESNA) Flagship 2027**! Held **February 9–11** in **San Diego**, IESNA Flagship brings together installers, EPCs, developers, supplier, utilities and other solar & storage practitioners to explore field-ready products, navigate rapidly shifting policy, and learn what's working from peers who've faced the same challenges.

Register at a discount using code **NABCEP20OFF** for **20% off a conference pass or FREE exhibit hall access**.*

Start with 3 NABCEP CEUs. On February 9, Brian Mehalic and Rebekah Hren of Solar Tech Collective lead the NABCEP-accredited workshop “Hot Topics in Electrotech O&M.” You’ll build an O&M framework based on NFPA 70B, use infrared thermography for maintenance, and troubleshoot PV ground-faults step by step.

Other IESNA Flagship highlights include:

- **A dynamic exhibit hall with leading manufacturers and suppliers:** Compare modules (**Qcells, REC, SEG Solar**), inverters and storage (**Fronius, Sol-Ark, FranklinWH, Tigo**), racking (**IronRidge, Unirac, SnapNrack**), and test gear (**Fluke, Megger**), plus 120+ more exhibitors and counting
- **A new Demo Stage** where technical leads walk through real product builds
- **Conference sessions built around real project challenges:** Mid-market interconnection bottlenecks and BESS fire safety permitting, including UL 9540A and NFPA 855 updates. New formats include roundtables and networking by user-submitted topic.
- The seventh edition of the crowd-favorite **Solar Games**, with installer teams competing for $16,000 in cash prizes. This year’s format switches to a ballasted roof mount setup commonly found in commercial applications
- **The Hub Stage**, powered by SunCast Media, featuring industry experts and thought leaders sharing firsthand project experience
- Networking events including **Renewables Unwind** and the **Solar Battle of the Bands**, co-hosted by CALSSA

Don't miss out–join NABCEP at IESNA Flagship using partner code **NABCEP20OFF** to save 20% on a conference pass or free exhibit hall access.

REGISTER NOW

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