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**Western Electrical Contractors Association (WECA) and
Solar Energy International (SEI)
Announce Educational Partnership and Four Courses**

Rancho Cordova, CA. September 19, 2018. The Western Electrical Contractors Association, Inc., (WECA), a California-based trade association supporting the electrical and low voltage industries, today announced that it has partnered with Solar Energy International (SEI) to expand its solar education course offerings with four online courses.

This partnership brings four courses from SEI to WECA's solar-specific course catalog: "Solar Electric Design and Installation," "Advanced PV System Design and the NEC," "PV System Fundamentals," and "Tools and Techniques for Operation and Maintenance." These unique 6-week courses range from introductory level to advanced level training, helping students explore the fundamentals of solar components, system architectures, and applications for PV systems to the inspection, commissioning, performance verification, and troubleshooting of PV systems. Students work through interactive online activities, power points, readings, quizzes, exercises, and homework, all available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the full duration of the course.

Students who complete these courses successfully will gain not only Electrician Trainee/Continuing Education (ET/CE) hours for California through WECA, but also North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) training hours through SEI. Successful completion of "Solar Electric Design and Installation" paired with "PV System Fundamentals" qualifies students to sit for the NABCEP PV Associate Exam.

With the need for highly trained PV electricians rapidly growing in California, WECA Curriculum Development Lead Mike Moyer believes "It's great that WECA is able to partner with SEI to offer another way for the WECA community to get solar training. Our apprenticeship program covers solar basics, our existing online self-paced courses "Solar Power for Electricians" and "Faultless Solar" take solar to the next level for Journeyman Electricians and Advanced Electrician Trainees, and now our partnership with SEI allows another level of training for these students, plus the opportunity for NABCEP certification."

To learn more about enrolling in these courses through WECA (enrollment through WECA is necessary for any student desiring State of California Continuing Education or Electrician Trainee hours in addition to the NABCEP hours granted by SEI), please visit WECA's [Solar Course Catalog](#).

Learn more about WECA at GoWECA.com.

Learn more about Solar Energy International at Solarenergy.org.

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