

Illinois Solar for All
Job Training Programs - Chicagoland Area

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ASPIRA's Future Energy Jobs Act Training

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www.aspirail.org

ASPIRA of Illinois provides training in the electrical trade to students 18 and older at the Antonia Pantoja High School. Students receive a nationally recognized certificate in electrical training that allows them to transfer their skills to the solar industry and compete for in-demand jobs.

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Austin People's Action Center (APAC)

5125 W. CHICAGO AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60651

The APAC Solar Program provides information and guidance needed to compete for a good paying entry level job in the Solar industry. Through the training, participants receive: Introduction to Renewable Energy, Renewable Energy and Advocacy, Introduction to Photovoltaics, Work Readiness Skills, Life Skills/CPR/First Aid, and OSHA 10.

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Chatham Business Association Alternative Energy Training Program

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www.cbaworks.org

The Chatham Business Association's Alternative Energy Training Program is designed to assist new and established firms including disadvantaged minority-and women-owned business enterprises (D/M/WBE), service disabled, veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB) and veteran-owned small businesses (VOSB) in business development plans for alternative energy related projects and procurement opportunities that will drive small business growth and job creation in the Chicagoland area.

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Elevate Energy Clean Energy Jobs Accelerator Program

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www.elevateenergy.org

Elevate Energy, in collaboration with community partners, trains individuals and contractor businesses for jobs and projects in solar. All of our training programs combine community-based workforce preparation with industry-focused energy training so individuals and contractors are prepared for solar work upon graduation.

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Hispanic American Construction Industry Association

650 W. LAKE STREET
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CHICAGO, IL 60661
www.haciaworks.org

Founded in 1979, the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA) works to ensure the equitable participation of its members in the design, engineering, and construction industries, while also promoting the growth, quality of work, professionalism, and integrity of these individuals and businesses. The organization works to provide scholarships for Hispanic college students and training for contractors looking to increase their firm's construction capacity. HACIA trains existing businesses to prepare them for future energy careers with a focus on design, engineering, renewables, and construction.

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National Latino Education Institute

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The National Latino Education Institute (NLEI), formerly the Spanish Coalition for Jobs, offers a broad array of accredited training programs in both the business and medical fields, specially designed to help participants gain employment after graduation. As a non-profit, the NLEI provides training and services at affordable rates without sacrificing the quality of training. The NLEI's Solar Associate Program focuses on academic, technical, sales, and service as well as job readiness.

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OAI, Inc. LYTE Solar Training Program

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The LYTE Solar Training Program prepares participants for entry-level employment as a designer, installer, troubleshooter, and maintenance technician for solar-photovoltaic power systems. Curricula will include training in solar installation and solar site assessor, basic carpentry, hazardous waste handling and safety training, plus life skills, basic education (industry-related language and math, computer literacy, etc.), and professional development. Students have the opportunity to earn industry-recognized certifications or licenses such as:

Solar Installer, MREA PV Solar Site Assessor, OSHA 10-hr. Worker Safety/Fall Protection, Hazardous Waste handling, Forklift Operations, First Aid/CPR, Basic Carpentry.

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Safer Foundation

571 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD
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www.saferfoundation.org

Since 1972, Safer Foundation's mission is to support the efforts of people facing barriers to employment, including those with arrest and conviction records, through a full spectrum of services and advocacy. Aiding these individuals assists them in their efforts to become productive members of the community. Safer Foundation recruits and screens returning citizens for grantee programs and provides soft skills and introduction to solar training.

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Solar Energy Jobs Training Program Training Program, Chicago Urban League

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Solar Energy Jobs Training is a 220-hour training program which utilizes classroom training and hands-on lab activities to prepare participants for work in the solar industry. This certificate program establishes entry-level competency and appeals to employers in the renewable energy field. Coursework helps students work toward various industry credentials, including those through the North American Board of Energy Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP).

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