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## Free Solar Photovoltaic Technology Training Course Offered in Tri-Cities

*Five-day course is seventh offering of workforce training from TSI*

**KNOXVILLE** – Businesses or persons interested in learning the basics of Solar Installation and Photovoltaic (PV) Technology can now take advantage of a free five-day training course at the Kingsport Center for Higher Education (KCHE), 300 West Market Street, Kingsport.

The training, offered by The Tennessee Solar Institute (TSI), will begin January 30, 2012 and run through February 3. The training times are 8 am to 5 pm each day, with lunch provided.

The training course focuses on many different aspects of the Solar PV field, including:

- PV history and market developments
- Solar concepts and terminology
- Onsite PV system configurations and components
- PV safety

**To register and for more information on this Solar PV course, contact:**

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At the conclusion of the course, there is an entry-level Certificate of Knowledge exam, endorsed by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP, [www.nabcep.org](http://www.nabcep.org)). NABCEP is the "gold standard" for PV and solar thermal installation certification and it offers certification and certificate programs to renewable energy professionals throughout North America.

***Please note: a pre-screening exam is required for all registrants. Interested parties should contact their local TN Career Center, in advance of the Solar PV course, to take the Career Readiness Exam (CRC).***

***Only individuals that earn a gold certificate on the CRC can register for the Solar PV training course. No exceptions!***

**To schedule the Career Readiness Exam (CRC), contact:**

**Tennessee Career Center at Kingsport**  
**1140 East Center Street**  
**Kingsport, TN 37660**  
**(423) 224-1812**  
**Hours of Operation: 8 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday - Friday**

This is the seventh Solar PV training course offered by TSI, with previous sessions being held in Memphis, Jackson, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Spring Hill (twice).

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**About Tennessee Solar Institute**

*The Tennessee Solar Institute (TSI) is a center of excellence between the University of Tennessee and Oak Ridge National Laboratory that brings together scientists, engineers and technical experts with business leaders and policymakers to help speed the deployment of solar technology. Its mission is to advance the understanding of solar innovation and to inspire new ideas that speed the development and implementation of solar-based technology in Tennessee. TSI is housed at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. For more information, visit <http://solar.tennessee.edu>.*