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## Free Solar Photovoltaic Technology Training Course Offered in Spring Hill

**KNOXVILLE** – A free course in the basics of solar installation and photovoltaic (PV) technology will be offered April 16 - 20 at the Northfield Training Center at General Motors, 100 Saturn Parkway, Spring Hill.

The 40-hour course, sponsored by the Tennessee Solar Institute, will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and lunch will be 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

At the conclusion of the course, 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)) will be given. NABCEP is the "gold standard" for PV and solar thermal installation certification, and offers certificate programs to renewable-energy professionals throughout North America.

Course participants must be residents of the state of Tennessee, and must pre-register. No walk-ins will be admitted.

***A prerequisite for course registration is completion and appropriate scoring on the Career Readiness Exam (CRC). Interested participants in the free solar course must possess a "gold" rating in the math and reading portion of the CRC exam, and a "silver" rating in the locating information portion. Information regarding the CRC is available at local Tennessee Career Centers.***

To register or learn more about the course, please contact:

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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>.*