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Big Financial Incentives Offered to Businesses Hiring Green-Energy Job Trainees at Dec. 8 Career Fair

NEW YORK — (December 7, 2022) — Solar One is hosting its latest green-career fair for its most recent cohort of certified trainees Thursday, December 8 at 3 p.m. at its Long Island City headquarters, 9-03 44th Rd, Queens, N.Y.

Local energy and clean-technology businesses are invited to attend and learn more about new financial incentives up to \$100,000 for hiring under-and-unemployed men and women from distinct, disadvantaged New York City communities.

Via a program administered through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), eligible businesses (depending on total number of employees) are being offered a 50-percent reimbursement of a new employee's hourly wage for up to 24 weeks. The funding is capped at \$100,000 per business and a maximum match of \$24 per hour for the NYSERDA cost share for each hire.



For nearly a decade, nonprofit Solar One's Green Workforce Training Program (GWF) has been preparing New York residents with hands-on training and certification - in basic electrical, plumbing and carpentry, building operations and maintenance, and solar panel installation - for clean energy jobs.



“Through Solar One’s partnerships with more than a dozen workforce organizations, we have trained more than 4,000 unemployed and underemployed individuals for green jobs since 2009,” said Shakira Hart, Solar One’s Director of Industry Engagement program

“This and future green career fairs should signal to the construction industry that Solar One is dedicated to assisting clean energy businesses find and hire skilled workers; and we’re offering to help reduce the risk and expenses associated with their recruitment, onboarding and retention,” Hart said.

The program’s targeted workforce groups include veterans, Native Americans, individuals w/ disabilities, unemployed power plant workers, previously incarcerated individuals, 18-24 year-olds participating in work preparedness programs (BOCES, technical high schools, Conservation Corp,



YouthBuild, AmeriCorp, etc.), and New York City residents living in environmental justice communities.

Solar One's curriculum is accredited via the New York State Dept. of Labor's Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). The Green Workforce team is also a BPI-approved Testing Center, NABCEP PV Associate provider, Urban Green Council GPRO instructional provider, NYC Dept. of Buildings Site Safety Training provider, and US EPA RRP accredited

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About Solar One

[Solar One](#) is an environmental nonprofit working to expand access to clean energy in the New York City region. Our mission is to design and deliver innovative education, training, and technical assistance that fosters sustainability and resiliency in diverse urban environments. Our programs include K-12 environmental education, green workforce training, urban ecology, solar technical assistance, and community engagement through clean energy events and campaigns.

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