



Press Release

SMA America and SMA Canada

Hundreds of Solar Professionals to Visit Sacramento for Annual NABCEP Conference

SMA Partners with NABCEP as Exclusive Sponsor to Promote Solar Industry Education and Training

ROCKLIN, Calif., February 27, 2013—The North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) will hold its second annual [Continuing Education Conference](#) for renewable energy professionals in Sacramento, Calif., March 8-10, 2013. The conference will be held at California State University, Sacramento.

The NABCEP Continuing Education Conference is open to NABCEP certified solar professionals and their employees, licensed electricians working with PV and SMA Sunny PRO Club members. NABCEP's goal is to foster industry growth through supporting programs that promote quality assurance in the sales and installation process. Last year's event drew hundreds of participants.

Solar inverter solutions provider SMA America, headquartered in Rocklin, will be the exclusive premier sponsor, demonstrating its commitment to quality and training in the solar industry. The [SMA Solar Academy](#) will lead two technical training sessions at the conference. Attendees will also enjoy an SMA-sponsored networking reception, where they can trade installation best practices and discuss the latest in technology and design.



SMA Solar Academy training session

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"Our longtime support of NABCEP and our role as the sponsor of this conference exemplify SMA's belief in NABCEP's mission," said Henry Dziuba, president and general manager of [SMA America](#) and president of [SMA Canada](#). "SMA is proud of its ongoing dedication to promote education, certification for installers and quality assurance."

Attendance at the conference will provide solar professionals access to dynamic training presentations with a focus on topics that will be instrumental to elevating industry standards and providing specialized education. Participants will be able to earn up to eighteen hours of continuing education credits.

A variety of topics will be covered in conference courses, including:



- Standalone and battery backup applications
- Off-grid, commercial and utility-scale design and installation
- Economics of solar
- Installation best practices
- Decentralized systems
- Safety

NABCEP and SMA anticipate a successful conference and a large turnout at this year's event. This is a significant opportunity for renewable energy professionals to network with one another as well as industry experts and representatives from SMA. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

About SMA

The SMA Group generated sales of €1.7 billion in 2011 and is the global market leader for solar inverters, a key component of all PV plants. It is headquartered in Niestetal, near Kassel, Germany, and is represented in 21 countries on six continents. The Group employs more than 5,500 people worldwide, plus a number of temporary employees that varies on a seasonal basis. SMA's broad product portfolio includes a compatible inverter for every type of module on the market and for all PV plant sizes. The product range includes inverters both for grid-connected PV plants and for off-grid systems. SMA can therefore provide an ideal inverter solution for all plant sizes and types. Since 2008, the Group's parent company, SMA Solar Technology AG, has been listed on the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (S92) and also in the TecDAX index. In recent years, SMA has received numerous awards for excellence as an employer and in 2011 and 2012 achieved first place in Germany's nationwide Great Place to Work® competition. www.SMA-America.com/www.SMA-Canada.ca

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