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SMA AMERICA'S SOLAR ACADEMY ATTRACTS SOLAR INSTALLERS NATIONWIDE
New Training Center Offers On-Site Seminars, Webinars and Technical Support

ROCKLIN, Calif., Jan. 20, 2009—Solar installers from across the nation are flocking to SMA America, Inc.'s state-of-the-art training center to participate in the solar inverter company's hugely popular Solar Academy. The training center—recently opened at SMA's U.S. headquarters in Rocklin—is just one component of the academy, which offers a comprehensive range of seminars regarding SMA products, code compliance and installation best practices.

Solar Academy sessions are available throughout the year, with 12 scheduled for January 2009 alone. The educational seminars, which run the gamut from residential and commercial systems design to data logging with SMA's Sunny WebBox, qualify for NABCEP (North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners) continuing education credits. Webinars also are available.



SMA America's Solar Academy
Photo Courtesy of SMA America

"The Solar Academy is an excellent example of SMA's commitment to supporting its installers," says Jurgen Krehnke, president and general manager of SMA America. "By providing ongoing education and technical training for our installers, we believe the end user will receive the best service and system performance."

Aside from providing seminar space for the Solar Academy, the training center features an innovative inverter display for demonstrations and technical support. Wall-mounted Sunny Boy and Sunny Island inverters are not only accessible to academy attendees at the training center, but also are visible to installers via webcam for remote troubleshooting.

About SMA America, Inc.

SMA America, Inc. is the U.S. subsidiary of SMA Solar Technology AG, based in Germany. SMA is the world leader in solar inverter technology and manufacturing with divisions in nine countries on four continents. SMA is committed to its leadership role, offering exceptional value with the most efficient and reliable solar inverters in the industry. SMA takes special pride in promoting renewable energy solutions at all levels through education, information and support for the general public and solar installers, as well as for small and large businesses worldwide. For more information, call (916) 625-0870 or visit www.SMA-America.com.

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