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ETA's New Green Academy Program Builds Synergy Among Industry Partners and Schools

Greencastle, Ind. – Just launched, ETA International's Green Academy will be a collaborative effort for both schools that are approved to utilize ETA alternative energy certifications and industry partners who offer training or are looking to hire students.

"We hear from schools each day who are entering the alternative energy market and including their local industry. This recognition, 'Green Academy' shows which schools have completed the full circle - students, training, certification and jobs," said ETA International President, Teresa Maher, CSS.



It is important for students to receive hands-on training and what better way to do that than by creating partnerships with local businesses. Students are able to receive the necessary hands-on training through internships and also receive ETA certification.

Schools and facilities who wish to become part of ETA's Green Academy must have at least one training program approved by ETA to teach a *Level One* certification in one of the ETA Alternative Energy disciplines (photovoltaic, small and commercial wind, micro hydro, fuel cells, solar thermal, geothermal, Stirling technology or solar concentration). The school must also have an agreement with an employer to provide part or all of its students with either an internship or an externship. For a specific list of qualifications please visit, www.certifymegreen.org.

"The Green Academy program will help to bridge the gap between course completion and employment, said Ray Stroud, CETma, ETA Alternative Energy project manager. "A person who has just completed the Green Academy program will have a level of confidence during a job interview that comes with real world contact training and experiences."

Congratulations to the First ETA Green Academy's:

Tennessee Technology Center – McKenzie

Contact: Bruce Moore, CETsr
AE Discipline(s): Photovoltaic, Small Wind
Industry Partner: Solar and Renewable Power Systems LLC

Texas State Technical College – Sweetwater

Contact: George Lister, CETma
AE Discipline(s): Commercial Wind
Industry Partner: Upwind Solutions

Rock Valley College – Rockford, Ill

Contact: Stephen Fleeman
AE Discipline(s): Hybrid Systems Integrator
Industry Partner: Nazca Energy LLC

ETA International's Alternative Energy Certifications are intended to be the most comprehensive programs available today. They involve a hands-on training component that other certification providers do not require. ETA is accredited and its programs align with the ISO-17024 standards.



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To learn more about ETA's Alternative Energy Program or apply to become a Green Academy at www.certifymegreen.org or call 800.288.3824.

About ETA International - Founded in 1978, the Electronics Technicians Association, International is a not-for-profit, professional association committed to providing accredited certifications that meet the industry standards. Today, ETA has issued over 100,000 technical certifications in 50 different certification programs. These certified individuals are employed by more than 840 businesses/organizations across the world. The association is comprised of over 4,000 members, 700 Subject Matter Experts (SME's) serving on various Industry Advisory Committees and 1,000 Exam/Certification Administrators (CA's).

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