



# Briefing Notice

## 2013 Solar Industry Job Census Results

*\*Includes release of new state-by-state job numbers\**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2014**

**2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

**2226 Rayburn House Office Building**

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute** (EESI) invites you to a briefing on The Solar Foundation's *National Solar Jobs Census 2013*, which found record growth in the U.S. solar industry.

The Census, which is based on over 75,000 phone calls and emails to solar industry employers, determined that the solar industry grew at ten times the national average last year, creating 24,000 new jobs. Survey respondents cited declining equipment costs as the primary driver behind the industry's remarkable growth and were optimistic about creating new jobs in 2014. Since the start of the annual *Census* in 2010, U.S. solar industry employment has increased 53 percent and now employs more than 142,000 Americans.

Speakers for this forum are:

- **Rep. Anna G. Eshoo** (D-CA), Introductory Remarks
- **Andrea Luecke**, President and Executive Director, The Solar Foundation
- **Amit Ronen**, Director, GW Solar Institute; Professor, GWU Trachtenberg School of Public Policy
- **Bob Powell**, President, SunEdison North America
- **Jason Walsh**, Senior Advisor, Energy Department's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

The speakers will discuss the survey's results, policy-related findings, the demographic makeup of the solar industry, and progress on the Department of Energy's SunShot Initiative, which seeks to make solar energy cost-competitive with other forms of electricity by 2020.

Analysis of state-by-state solar employment numbers will also be made public for the first time, including first-ever breakdowns of California and Arizona solar employment by Congressional district.

**This event is free and open to the public.**

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