



# Briefing Notice

## Find Out How Many Solar Jobs Were Created in Your State

**Monday, March 2, 2015**

**3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

**Capitol Visitor Center Room 209-08 (Senate side)**

*Note: RSVPs required for attendees without Congressional IDs at [www.eesi.org/030215solarjobs#RSVP](http://www.eesi.org/030215solarjobs#RSVP)*

The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** and **The Solar Foundation** invite you to a briefing on the recently released 2014 National Solar Jobs Census. The Census found that the solar industry added 31,000 jobs last year, accounting for 1.3 percent of all new U.S. jobs, and representing a growth rate almost 20 times greater than the national average. Today, 173,807 Americans are employed in the solar industry, almost twice as many as in U.S. coal mining.

Speakers for this event include:

- **Andrea Luecke**, President and Executive Director, The Solar Foundation
- **Amit Ronen**, Director, GW Solar Institute; Professor, GWU Trachtenberg School of Public Policy
- **Mike Carr**, EERE Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Matt Herzberg**, Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer, SunEdison

While Census respondents project that the solar industry will grow over 20 percent again next year, which would add about the same number of new domestic jobs as the much larger fossil fuel sector, speakers will discuss how pending changes to federal and state policies may affect future growth.

The briefing will also provide an overview of the changing demographic makeup of the solar industry. For example, veterans make up one in ten workers in the U.S. solar industry. The Energy Department representative will discuss the recent announcement that the first class of Marines has graduated from their solar job training program, which prepares service members for jobs in the solar industry.

Now in its fifth year, the 2014 National Solar Jobs Census was conducted by The Solar Foundation and BW Research Partnership, with support from the George Washington University's Solar Institute. The report draws on responses from 7,600 U.S. businesses in November 2014.

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

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