



GOING SOLAR OFFERS A UNIQUE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

Community college leaders already know that installing solar energy on campus is a tangible commitment to the environment that also offsets rising costs for electricity. What's new is that solar on campus can also offer students a chance to get hands-on work experience in renewable energy and electrical trades, some of the fastest growing career opportunities today.

Over the last decade, jobs as solar installers have grown 167%, which is five times faster than jobs in the overall economy, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. **Secure Solar Futures can help connect students with the training they need to move immediately into full-time employment.**



Students learn about installing solar equipment on school campuses under the supervision of qualified instructors.

HOW WE ARE DIFFERENT

While many solar companies are newcomers to serving schools, **Secure Solar Futures** has provided energy solutions to education customers since 2010. And while other companies offer generic classroom materials on energy, our company has pioneered original programs to bring solar power into the classroom and to career and technical education.

OUR SOLUTIONS

BUDGET RELIEF

Today, community colleges can go solar with no upfront capital cost through a power purchase agreement (PPA) or similar service agreement. By generating their own clean energy, campuses can cut electric bills by 20% or more, freeing funds for teacher salaries and other priorities. In addition, our Resilient Solar + Roof Restoration® program can avoid the cost of roof replacement, allowing colleges to move roof repairs from the capital budget into operating expenses.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

At no extra cost, community colleges that go solar can also access our workforce development program to train students as solar technicians. The program offers the potential to collaborate with trades programs for learning opportunities. Select students in relevant programs can also qualify for paid work installing solar equipment on campus. Opportunities are also available to collaborate with a local CTE center in a feeder district with internships for potential future students at the community college.

CUSTOMER PRAISE

"Mountain Empire Community College is excited about the partnership and opportunity to bring more solar installation projects to our service region. The partnership will provide MECC's Energy Technology program students and graduates with incredible new hands-on opportunities in solar installation."

-DR. KRISTEN WESTOVER, PRESIDENT, MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE