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SUNWIZE SPONSORS INSTALLERS FOR NABCEP CERTIFICATION

Kingston, New York, October 1, 2003 - SunWize Technologies is sponsoring qualified photovoltaic (PV) dealers and installers who pass the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) voluntary certification examination. Upon successful completion of the exam, SunWize will reimburse the \$250 application and exam fee by applying a credit to a \$5000 system order placed by the new NABCEP certified installer. "We are thrilled" says Ezra Auerbach Chairperson of NABCEP. "This is exactly the sort of thing that we hoped the PV distribution industry would do."

The certification program is meant to provide a set of national standards by which PV installers with skills and experience can distinguish themselves. The NABCEP PV Installer Certification is not intended to prevent qualified individuals from installing PV systems nor to replace state licensure requirements. Certification will provide an educational tool for consumers and may encourage increased financing and reduced insurance rates for PV projects.

Mark Wilkerson, VP of business development for SunWize, stated, "SunWize recognizes that the installer network is the backbone of our industry and for that reason we are supporting the NABCEP program. Since we only sell through qualified installers, it makes sense for SunWize to provide an incentive for them to become nationally acknowledged." "It's a very simple program," Wilkerson added, "Pass this test, order your next system from SunWize and get your money back for becoming NABCEP certified."

Requirements and prerequisites to be eligible for NABCEP solar PV installer certification and information about the written exam can be found on the NABCEP web site at www.nabcep.org. A Candidate Information Handbook and application are also available for downloading.

About SunWize

SunWize Technologies, a solar technology company, specializes in the design and manufacture of integrated solar power systems, and associated project development and product distribution. The company operates a manufacturing/distribution facility in Kingston, NY and a distribution center in Oxnard, CA. For more information, contact Mark Wilkerson, tel.: 815-256-2222, email: mwwpv@stelle.net.

About NABCEP

The North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) is a volunteer board of renewable energy stakeholder representatives. NABCEP is working to develop national, voluntary standards and certifications for renewable energy professionals, beginning with certification for solar electric installers.

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