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Why Solar and Green Jobs as a Career?

[Think MTV VIDEO: Richmond BUILD/Solar Richmond Trainees Describe the Importance of Solar Jobs](#)

[Green for All Defines "Green-Collar Jobs"](#)

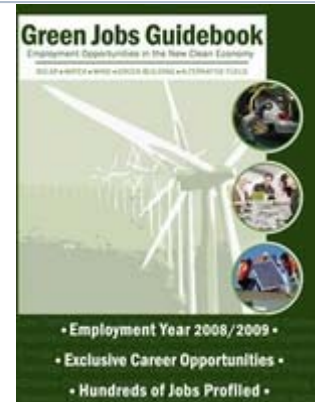
Career Outlook

"Solar Technician (Installer) is a new occupation that appeared only a couple decades ago. However, with the accelerated growth of the solar energy industry, demand for qualified installers and repairers in this field is quickly growing. California, which has the most aggressive solar program in the country, presently accounting for 73% of all the U.S. solar installations, is projected to create 3,578 jobs for Photovoltaic (PV) System Installers and 780 for Solar Thermal System Installers by 2015."

[Occupational Environmental Scan For CA Community Colleges](#), December 2007

Analysis of the solar industry in:

- [San Francisco Bay Area](#) (April 2008)
- [Los Angeles Area](#) (April 2008)
- [California](#) (2008)



Check out the [Green Jobs Guidebook](#), including:

- **Profiles of 200 green jobs** currently in California
- Details on **45 job types for high school grads**, many paying over \$25 per hour
- Information on **job training and placement programs**
- Listings of valuable **apprenticeship programs**

See also the [Department of Energy's Career Resources](#)

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