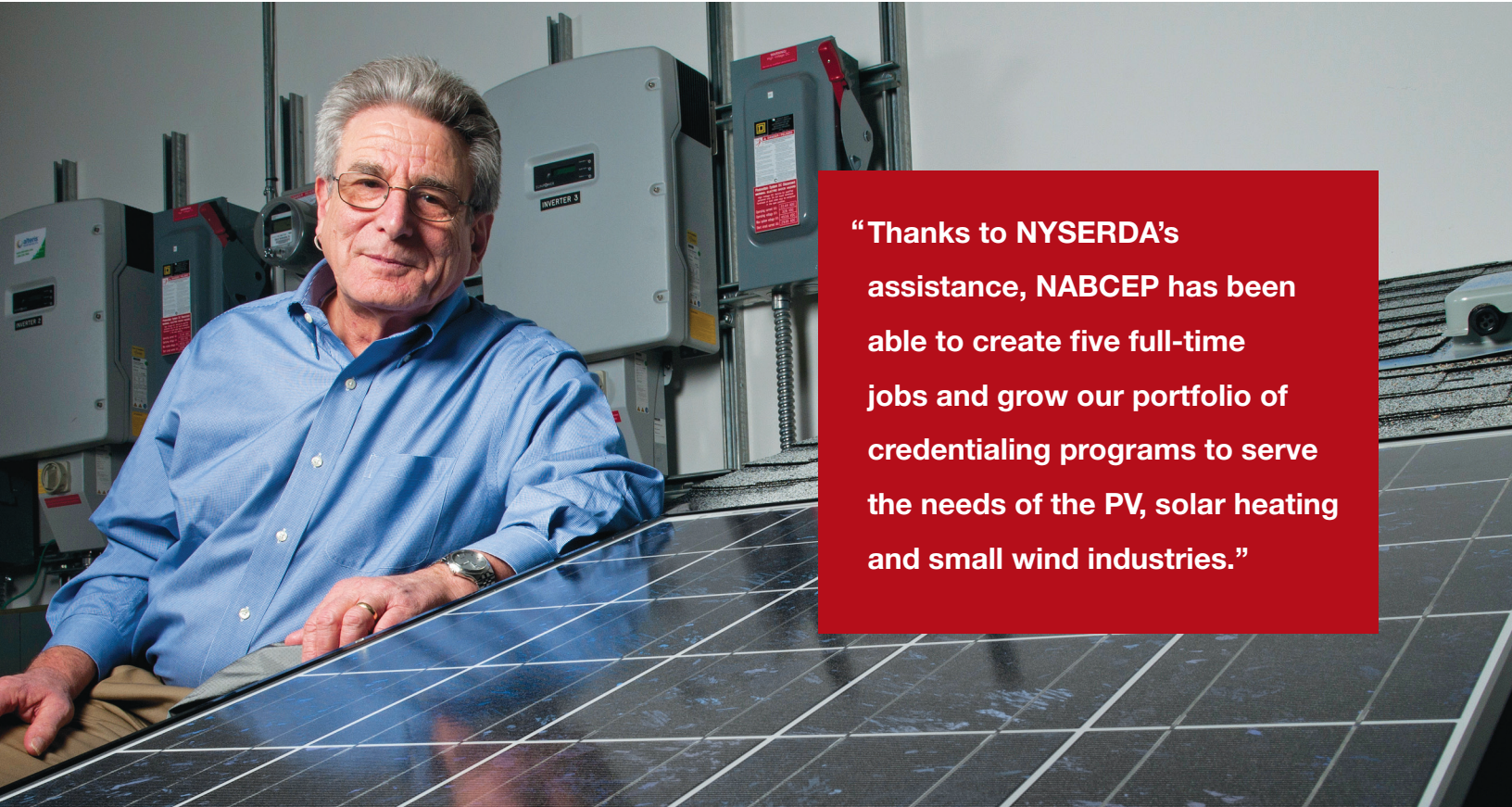


NYSERDA funding helps the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners build consumer confidence

Ezra Auerbach
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“Thanks to NYSERDA’s assistance, NABCEP has been able to create five full-time jobs and grow our portfolio of credentialing programs to serve the needs of the PV, solar heating and small wind industries.”

Well-trained and certified professionals are vital to a thriving renewable energy industry in New York State, as well as nationwide. That’s why the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) provides funding that has helped create and grow a national credentialing organization for the renewable energy sector.

With headquarters in Clifton Park, New York, the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) is the “gold standard” for photovoltaic (PV) and solar thermal installation certification. Designed to raise industry standards and promote consumer confidence, NABCEP offers certification and credentials to renewable energy professionals throughout North America.

With help from NYSERDA, the organization has grown at a steady pace since it launched in 2003. NABCEP has certified nearly 2,000 PV installers operating in more than 40 states, with hundreds of people applying for exams each year. Additionally, NYSERDA has helped NABCEP develop entry-level programs for those wishing to enter the industry. Approximately 300 training organizations in the United States and Canada have offered the NABCEP PV Entry Level Exam, with more than 10,000 people completing it. NYSERDA also highlights NABCEP-certified installers among its list



of qualified installation companies, distinguishing them from the competition. Jeff Irish, a NABCEP-certified PV installer and president of Hudson Valley Clean Energy, Inc. (HVCE) and Adirondack Solar, says his companies get more calls because customers prefer installers with NABCEP credentials. The certification program offers real value for professional workers and the clean energy economy, including higher earning potential and access to management opportunities. Professionals who choose to become certified demonstrate their competence in the field and their commitment to upholding high standards of ethical and professional practice. NABCEP Executive Director Ezra Auerbach says he appreciates NYSERDA's support, which has enabled the organization to create jobs for the Capital region, grow its credentialing program and better serve the PV, solar heating and small wind industries.

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