



# J.F. Drake State Technical College

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### **Drake State Gets Grant To Train for Renewable Energy Jobs**

(HUNTSVILLE, AL) – Drake State has received a \$458,300 State Energy Sector Grant awarded the college by Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). The program is designed to train 200 technicians on selected areas of renewable energy system installation and maintenance over the next year.

The training has four options for prospective trainees: (1) Energy efficiencies: definitions, standards, measurements, and practices; (2) Geothermal Systems Installation and Maintenance; Solar Hot Water Heater Systems Installation and Maintenance; Solar Photovoltaic Systems Installation and Maintenance. The training course in each area varies in length ranging from eight hours to forty hours.

These courses are designed to prepare trainees completing the Solar Thermal Installation and Maintenance Training to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Professionals (NABCEP) Solar Thermal Installer Certification examination. Trainees completing the Solar PV Installation and Maintenance Training receive preparation to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Professionals (NABCEP) PV Installer Certification examination.

The training will be provided by local professionals trained and certified in renewable energy curriculum. Drake State will also issue certificates of completion for each of these classes and provide information on careers in renewable energy in north Alabama.

The renewable energy courses offered through this program are available to anyone in the community. Training fees and certification examination fees may be covered for those who qualify under guidelines set forth by the US Department of Labor.

For more information, visit [drakestate.edu](http://drakestate.edu) or contact Ricky Willingham, Director of Workforce Development at 256.551.5219 or [ricky.willingham@drakestate.edu](mailto:ricky.willingham@drakestate.edu).

#### **About J.F. Drake State Technical College**

J.F. Drake State Technical College, located on Meridian Street in Huntsville, Alabama is a two year college training students for current and future employment in technical, industrial and vocational careers. The college also offers classes at the Historic Times Building in downtown Huntsville and from the Workforce Development Facility on Orange Drive in North Huntsville. The college's Workforce Development Program provides specialized training for business and industrial communities. Classes for degree and certificate programs are offered on weekdays, Saturdays and evenings. For more information visit: <http://www.drakestate.edu>.

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