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**U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative Selects the  
Building Codes Assistance Project and Center for Sustainable Energy to  
Provide Solar Training and Education to Design Professionals**

WASHINGTON, DC, May 17, 2016 — The Building Codes Assistance Project (BCAP), the trusted, non-partisan U.S. leader for energy codes advocacy, research, analysis, and training, has won a cooperative award from the [U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative](#).

In partnership with the Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE), BCAP will develop solar-related educational materials and provide targeted training to design professionals, including architects and engineers, in 22 key metropolitan areas across the nation. The nearly \$800,000 award spans two years and is designed to give these professionals the tools they need to incorporate solar into their blueprints and designs. When design professionals and engineers better understand how solar impacts their day-to-day work, they can support solar growth and eliminate barriers to widespread acceptance.

The training will address topics such as basic technical information on solar photovoltaics (PV), policy and community benefits of enhanced PV deployment, the state of the market for PV, and the role of various market players in advancing PV deployment.

“Design professionals play a crucial role in solar deployment since they are in the unique position of educating building owners, appraisers, and code officials as part of every project,” said architect Maureen Guttman, President of the Building Codes Assistance Project. “The education toolkit and training that we develop with this award will equip design professionals to effectively incorporate solar into every aspect of building design, while at the same time, reducing current and future costs for building owners.”

Jessyca Henderson, Managing Director for Institute Policy and Strategy at the American Institute of Architects (AIA), stated that AIA is greatly pleased to support this training program. “The target results of this proposal represent important and timely goals for our members and are well aligned with our organization’s objectives. AIA will support the work of the BCAP team in connecting with our state and local components to market the program to our members.”

“The Center for Sustainable Energy has developed a robust portfolio covering policy, education, and workforce training in the solar industry,” said Len Hering, CSE’s executive director. “As part of our mission to drive market transformation in the clean energy sector, CSE

is honored to play a role in supporting an initiative to help train those who will design a future powered by sustainable energy technologies.”

### **About Building Codes Assistance Project**

The [Building Codes Assistance Project](#) (BCAP) provides high level support for energy code adoption and compliance across the country at local, regional and national levels. Launched in 1994 as an initiative of the Alliance to Save Energy, the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy and Natural Resources Defense Council, BCAP is headquartered in Washington, D.C., with offices in Albany, NY, and Toledo, OH. BCAP is a program of the [Trust for Conservation Innovation](#), a nonprofit organization that accelerates impact for innovative environmental and sustainability initiatives. Learn more at [bcapcodes.org](http://bcapcodes.org). BCAP is on [Facebook](#) – [Twitter](#) – [LinkedIn](#).

### **About the Center for Sustainable Energy®**

*Accelerating the transition to a sustainable world powered by clean energy*

Founded in 1996, the [Center for Sustainable Energy](#) (CSE) is a mission-driven nonprofit, providing clean energy consulting services and program management. Governments, regulators, utilities, businesses, property owners and others look to CSE as an objective implementation partner to develop customized solutions that help lower energy costs and increase consumer choice and accessibility to clean energy technologies. CSE’s suite of services includes expertise in transportation, energy efficiency and building performance, research and analysis, emerging technologies, policy support, workforce development, and marketing, education and outreach. Headquartered in San Diego, CSE works nationwide with support of offices in Los Angeles, Oakland, Calif. and Boston. Learn more at [energycenter.org](http://energycenter.org). CSE is on [Facebook](#) - [Twitter](#) - [LinkedIn](#).

### **About the SunShot Initiative**

The [U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative](#) is a collaborative national effort that aggressively drives innovation to make solar energy fully cost-competitive with traditional energy sources before the end of the decade. Through SunShot, the Energy Department supports efforts by private companies, universities, and national laboratories to drive down the cost of solar electricity to \$0.06 per kilowatt-hour. Learn more at [energy.gov/sunshot](http://energy.gov/sunshot).

