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KVCC Solar Training Hits the Road

FAIRFIELD, ME - Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC) is taking solar training on the road June 24-26, traveling to the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut to teach the first in series of summer solar “train the trainer” courses.

This course is part of a full curriculum KVCC teaches as Northeast training provider for the Solar Instructor Training Network (SITN), a program of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). KVCC teaches



college and high school instructors throughout the Northeast region about solar photovoltaic technology and how to incorporate it into their programs. The course at the University of Bridgeport, *Solar PV Design and Installation*, is the hands-on follow-up to an online course students took over the spring. The “students” attending the course next week are engineering and electrical instructors from the University of Bridgeport and other colleges and unions in the Northeast.

SITN instructors attending a solar “train the trainer” course last summer. Photo: Amy Hudnor

full of the equipment needed for solar PV hands-on training. KVCC is now able to provide solar training on other campuses.

KVCC staff Mike Paradis and Amy Hudnor will bring the course to them via KVCC’s new mobile solar training lab. Purchased with DOE funds and designed and outfitted by Paradis and Hudnor, the mobile lab is a van and trailer packed

“The mobile solar lab has all the equipment needed to support solar training where it is needed,” said Paradis. “We can provide solar instruction and mentoring to schools and training centers that may have

only limited equipment or no equipment at all.”



In July, two more sessions of *Solar PV Design and Installation* will be taught to instructors participating in SITN. The sessions will be at Howell

KVCC Mobile Solar Training Lab. Photo: Jonathan Humphrey

Cheney Technical High School in Manchester, CT and Sullivan County

Community College in Loch Sheldrake, NY and will include high school and college instructors who teach electrical technology and building and construction trades. For more information, see:

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