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Most people know that solar PV as a technology is good for the environment and that it will have a positive impact on future generations but what about the present, the people living today? Besides the environment, are there real tangible benefits for people right now? The answer is a resounding yes. One of the key advantages of the solar photovoltaic industry is job creation.

For example, imagine having watermelons growing in your backyard. You could go outside, pick one to eat and feel full; very straightforward. Now imagine the watermelons were no longer available in your backyard and you had to pick grapes instead but they were spread out across the entire neighborhood. To feel as full from eating grapes as from a single watermelon would require a large quantity of grapes. Picking them would take more time, and you would most likely recruit others to help pick. The graphs and statistics below highlight this point.

How do the numbers compare in Barbados? In November 2014 a labour market information study was conducted by the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic (SJPP) and Sault College (SC) of Canada. 19 renewable energy employers and associated key stakeholders were interviewed for the process. Based on survey responses:

There is no turning back now, the world is moving towards renewable forms of energy generation and Barbados is part of that trend. With the solar photovoltaic industry being relatively new, early employees have the opportunity to start on the ground floor and move up in the company as it grows with the overall industry. Further opportunities will be created as solar companies in Barbados take their knowledge and expertise into other islands within the Caribbean region.

Specialized training and education in solar PV is strongly encouraged for anyone seeking to gain employment in this growing industry. It greatly increases the ability to perform the job and will be a competitive advantage over others applying for the same position. Two options for solar photovoltaic training in Barbados (or accessible from Barbados) are:

Following a partnership with Sault College, SJPP developed a curriculum for solar photovoltaic installations. This is currently the only such program being offered on the island and provides a theoretical and practical learning experience. Details for RNEW1113 Photovoltaic Installations 1 can be found [here](#).

Solar Energy International (SEI) is one of the oldest and largest renewable energy training organizations in the world. Founded in 1991 as a non-profit educational service to the renewable energy sector, SEI has over 20 years experience, and 35,000+ Solar Energy International (SEI) students and alumni worldwide.

SEI is an excellent solution for anyone searching for advanced training in grid tied design, off grid design and



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solar sales. I have taken four courses with SEI and the training is first class. Travelling outside of Barbados to attend the hands-on courses can be expensive; however SEI offers a number of courses entirely online eliminating the travel expense. You can learn more about the hands-on courses and online learning here. To get a feel of the online option, you can try their free introduction to renewable energy course.

I am Interesting in continuing my studies in the PV/Solar/Windmill Industries. Where would be be the Best recommended places of studies as I am now living up in the Northern part of the US and Yes it get Cold up here. I was on the Training course for Barbados the the Oecs had in St Lucia about 4 years ago, but i did return back to the USA. If they're any Information that I can research to get back into a International school to study Solar/PV windmill energy. Please feel free to drop me an email.

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