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Agenda (ET)

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| 1:00 – 1:05 | Welcome |
| 1:05 – 1:20 | Keynote Discussion |
| 1:20 – 1:30 | Solar career opportunities, pathways and credentialing opportunities |
| 1:30 – 1:45 | Introduce mentors and break into small groups |
| 1:50 – 2:40 | Mentors share their transition and solar career story in small groups with those looking to start a solar career or advance in solar. |
| 2:40 – 2:55 | Return to entire group. Mentors share one key tip provided in their breakout room. |
| 2:55 – 3:00 | End of event. |

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SEIA is the national trade association for the U.S. solar industry. We are leading the transformation to a clean energy economy, creating the framework for solar to achieve 20% of U.S. electricity generation by 2030.

SEIA works with its 1,000 member companies to fight for policies that create jobs in every community and shape fair market rules that promote competition and the growth of reliable, low-cost solar power.



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Welcome

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Keynote Discussion



Kevin Johnson
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Solar career opportunities & pathways

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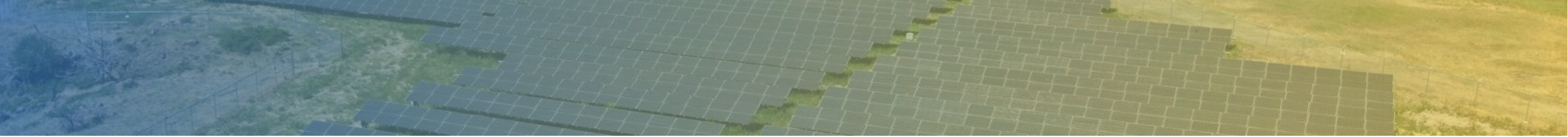
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The Solar Foundation

RESEARCH

Original, objective research on solar markets, economic impacts, and workforce trends. Widely acclaimed and cited among the industry, nonprofits, academics, policy makers and media.

Solar Jobs Research

CAPACITY BUILDING

Educational outreach and technical assistance to support decision makers in government, business, nonprofit arenas to expand solar energy use, and advance a stronger solar workforce.

Solar Workforce Development

INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP

Convene diverse groups to realize ambitious, measurable goals. We build networks to help nonprofits, businesses, educational, financial, and consumer sectors to invest in solar technology.

Solar Powered Communities

The Solar Ready Vets Network

Through **direct impact** and high-impact **capacity-building** initiatives, the **Solar Ready Vets Network** strengthens solar career pathways and advances a nationwide pipeline of military talent into all levels and sectors of the solar industry.

AmericanSolarWorkforce.org/SolarReadyVets



The Solar Ready Vets Network

Direct Impact Activities

- Solar Ready Vets Fellowship
- Connections to Training, Credentialing and Employment Opportunities

Capacity Building Initiatives

- GI Bill for Solar Training & Credentials
- Certification Fast Tracks
- Career development events & resources
- Regional Industry-Education Partnerships
- New Apprenticeship Framework



The Solar Ready Vets Fellowship

The Solar Ready Vets Fellowship extends the highly successful **Corporate Fellowship Program by Hiring Our Heroes** to the solar industry.

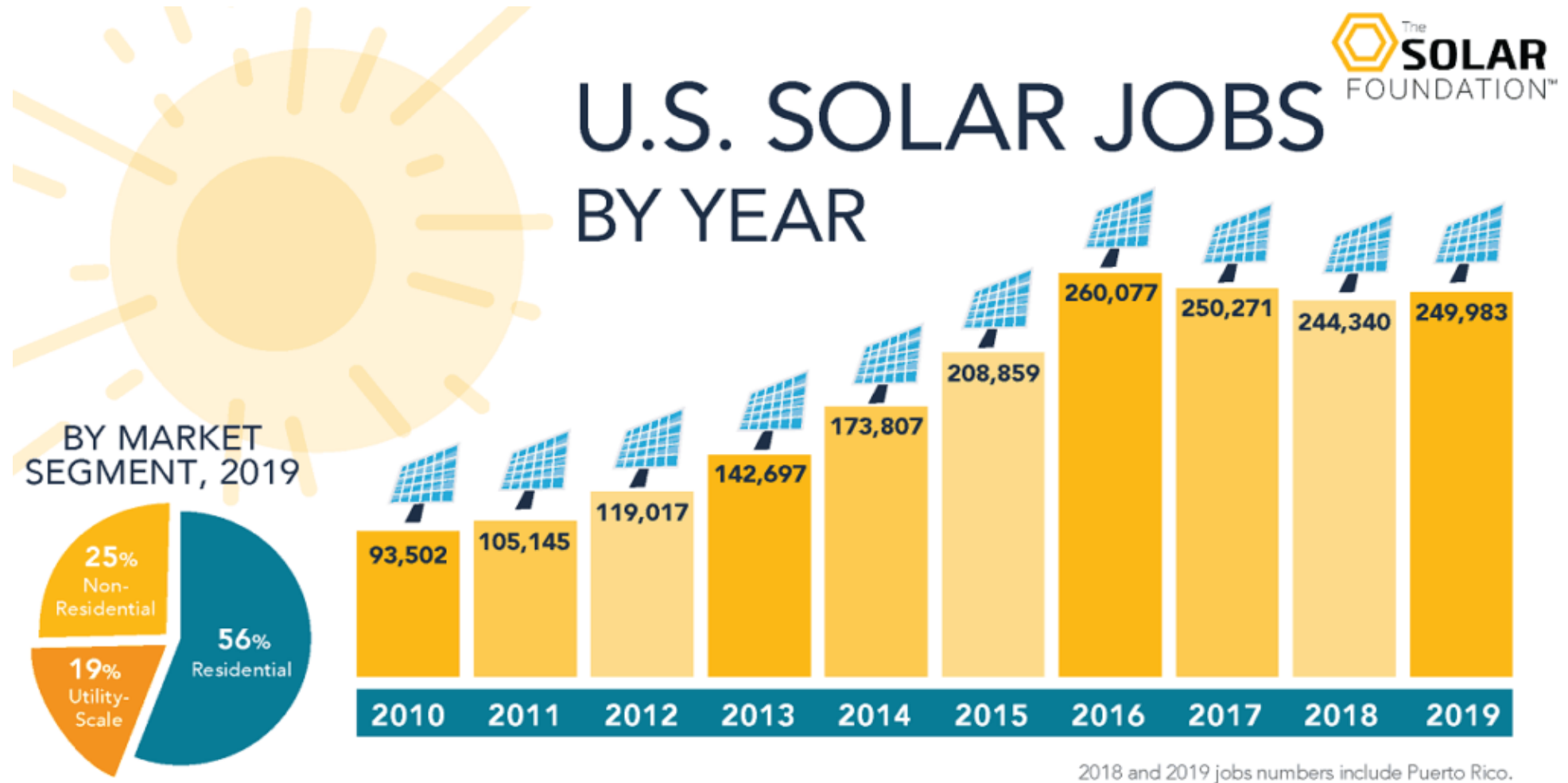


✓ **Highly qualified mid-senior level service members** are placed with solar employers for 12 weeks of on-the-job training

✓ Supports a smooth transition from active duty to **professional and management roles** in solar workforce

✓ **DOD Skillbridge**

Energizing careers: powering a brighter future



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Career Opportunities in Solar

Entry-level and mid-to-senior-Level career opportunities:

- Installation, Construction & Electrical
- Project Development
- Manufacturing
- Technical Sales
- Business Development
- Asset Management/Operations & Maintenance
- Logistics/Warehouse/Supply Chain Management
- Policy & Government Regulations
- Engineering/Research & Development
- IT/software
- Communications and Marketing



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Certifications for Solar Careers

Eligible for GI BILL Benefits:

PV Associate Exam

PV Technical Sales

PV Installation Professional

PV System Inspector

PV Design Specialist

PV Commissioning &

Maintenance

PV Installation Specialist

Value of a NABCEP Certification

✓ Increased marketability

✓ Validation of knowledge

✓ Enhanced professional credibility

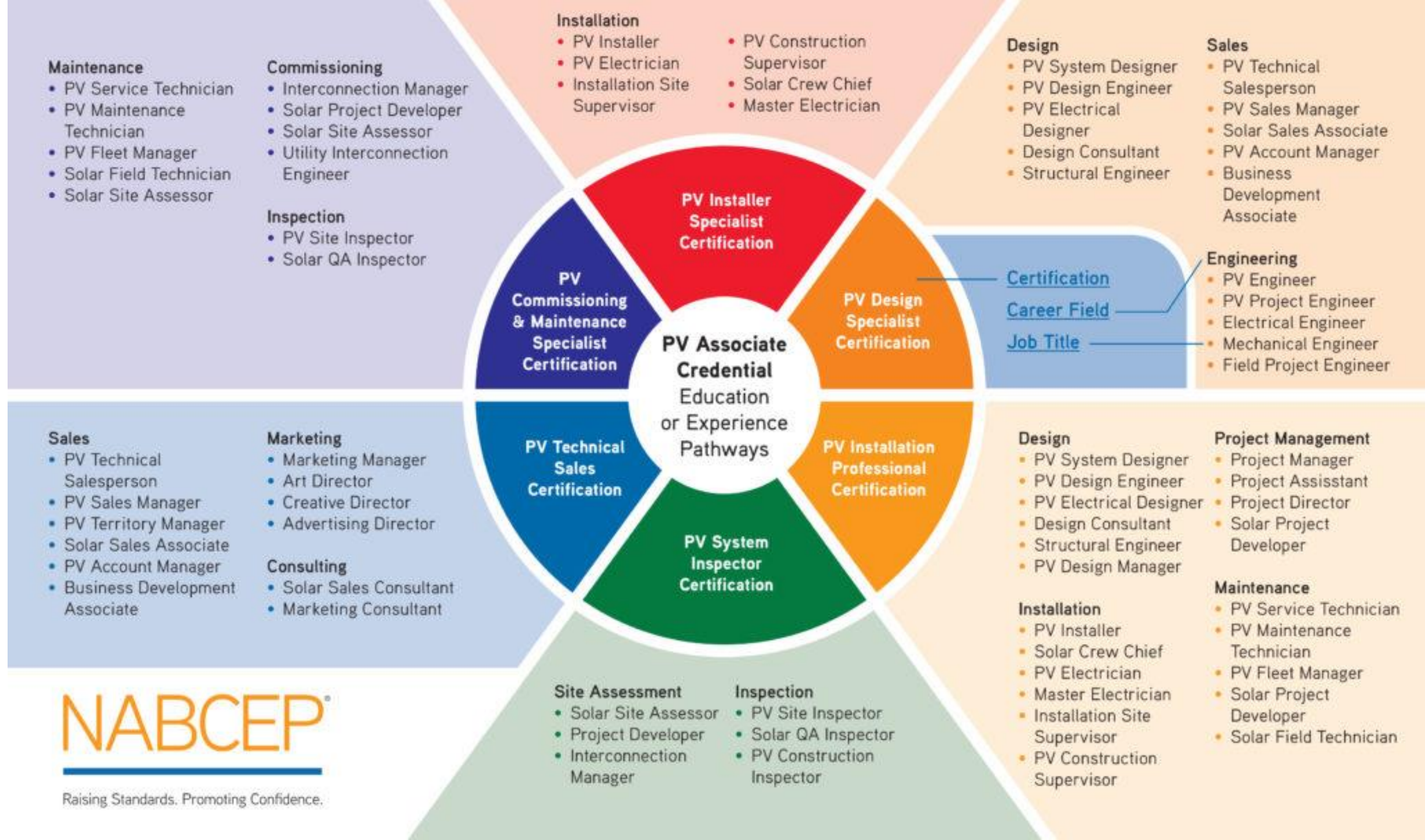
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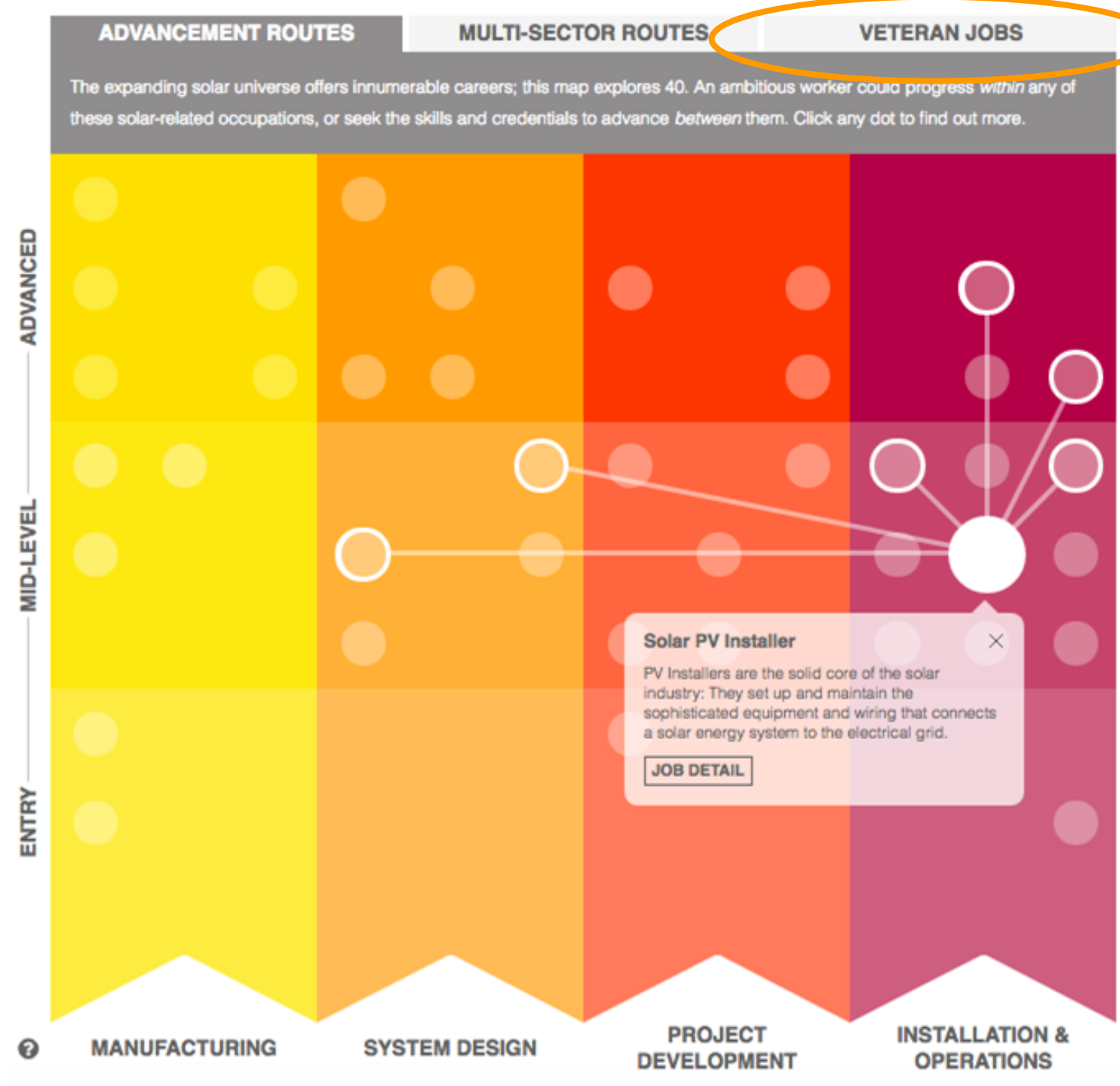
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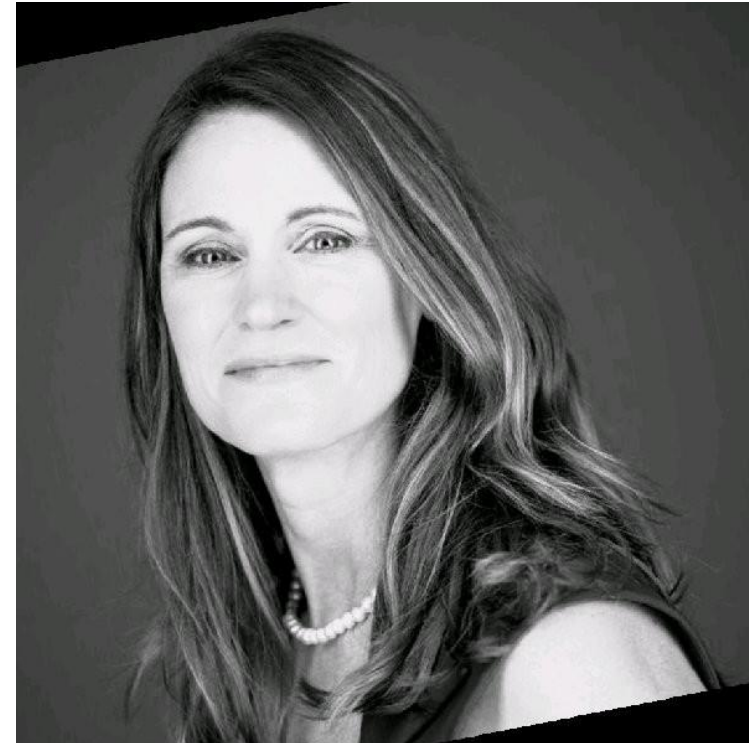
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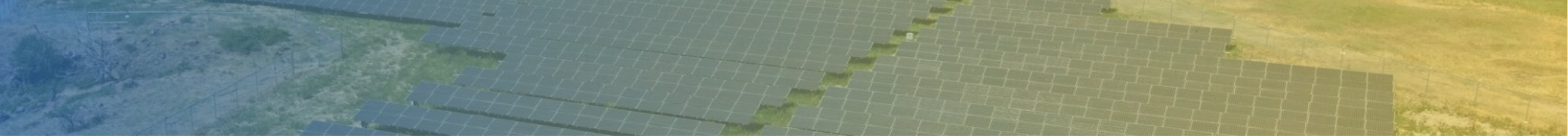
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