Rising Sun’s Green Energy Training Services (GETS) is a pre-apprenticeship training program that prepares low-income adults for careers in construction, energy efficiency, and solar installation. Our primary goal is to help participants overcome barriers to employment and achieve long-term economic self-sufficiency. Since 2009, the GETS program has trained more than 450 individuals, with an average job placement rate of 83% for the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 cohorts.

GETS is a 12-month program that begins with hands-on training, combined with case management, job placement, and employment retention support.

GETS Core class provides more than 240 hours of training in basic construction skills, energy efficiency, applied math, career exploration, and employment readiness. Our two week Solar PV Installation class provides hands-on experience in the field, as well as preparation for entering the solar workforce.

Rising Sun is an approved implementer of the nationally recognized Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) pre-apprenticeship certification, which includes 120 hours of training that prepares participants for success in the building trades.

After completing training, participants stay engaged through one-on-one meetings with the GETS team, weekly job postings emails, and monthly alumni workshops and events.
GETS Grads have been hired by many employers including:
- ALCal Roofing and Insulation
- Baker Mechanical
- Bay Cities Paving and Grading
- Community Energy Services Corporation
- Hassler Heating and Air Conditioning
- Herzer Landscaping
- SolarCity
- SunPower

Some recent GETS grads have become members of the following unions:
- Carpenters Local 713
- IBEW Local 595
- Laborers Local 304
- Operating Engineers Local 3
- Roofers Local 40
- Surveyors Union Local 3
- Sprinkler Fitters Local 483

Our Case Manager helps participants overcome barriers to employment such as...
- Homelessness
- English as a second language
- Formerly Incarcerated
- No High School Diploma
- No Driver’s License

GETS Testimonials

“If I did not attend the GETS program, I would not have seen how bright my future could be, and that’s all thanks to the amazing training and skills I’ve learned from Rising Sun.” - Norman Bass, GETS Graduate

“I love working with Rising Sun, they’re professional, responsive to my needs and a genuine pleasure to work with. They’re a remarkable resource, to employers, [and] their program provides talented people with great attitudes and contagious enthusiasm.” - Laurina Phillip Muglia, HR Generalist/HR Manager at Sun Light & Power.