

Dear Colleagues:

The O*NET Data Collection Program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, is seeking the input of expert Solar Energy Systems Engineers. As the nation's most comprehensive source of occupational data, O*NET is a free resource for millions of job seekers, employers, veterans, educators, and students at <u>www.onetonline.org</u>.

You have the opportunity to participate in this important initiative and your participation will help ensure that the complexities of your profession are described accurately in the O*NET database for the American public.

O*NET Description of Solar Energy Systems Engineers:

Perform site-specific engineering analysis or evaluation of energy efficiency and solar projects involving residential, commercial, or industrial customers. Design solar domestic hot water and space heating systems for new and existing structures, applying knowledge of structural energy requirements, local climates, solar technology, and thermodynamics.

You are considered an **Occupation Expert** if you meet the following **criteria**:

- You fit the role description
- You are currently active in the occupation (practicing, supervising, teaching and/or training) *and* based in the U.S.
- You have at least 5 years of experience with the occupation. (Includes those who are now supervising, training, or teaching *IF* you have at least **one year of practice** during your career)

How to Participate

If you meet these criteria and are interested in participating, please contact Alejandra Madrid at RTI International, the O*NET data collection contractor, at <u>amadrid@onet.rti.org</u> or 877-233-7348 ext.153.

Please provide the following:

- Full Name
- Company Name and Title
- Daytime Phone Number
- Email Address
- Address with City and State

Process and Participation Incentive:

A random sample of experts responding to this request will be invited to complete a set of questionnaires. Experts who are selected and agree to participate will receive \$40.00 in cash and an oak-framed certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Department of Labor.

We encourage you to consider helping to keep information about your profession accurate and current for the benefit of our colleagues and the nation. Thank you for your support.

If you know anyone <u>within your organization</u> who is also an expert and would be willing to participate, feel free to forward this letter to them.