

# *INDIANA RENEWABLE ENERGY*

*Siting through Technical Engagement and Planning (R-STEP™)*

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## Indiana R-STEP Overview

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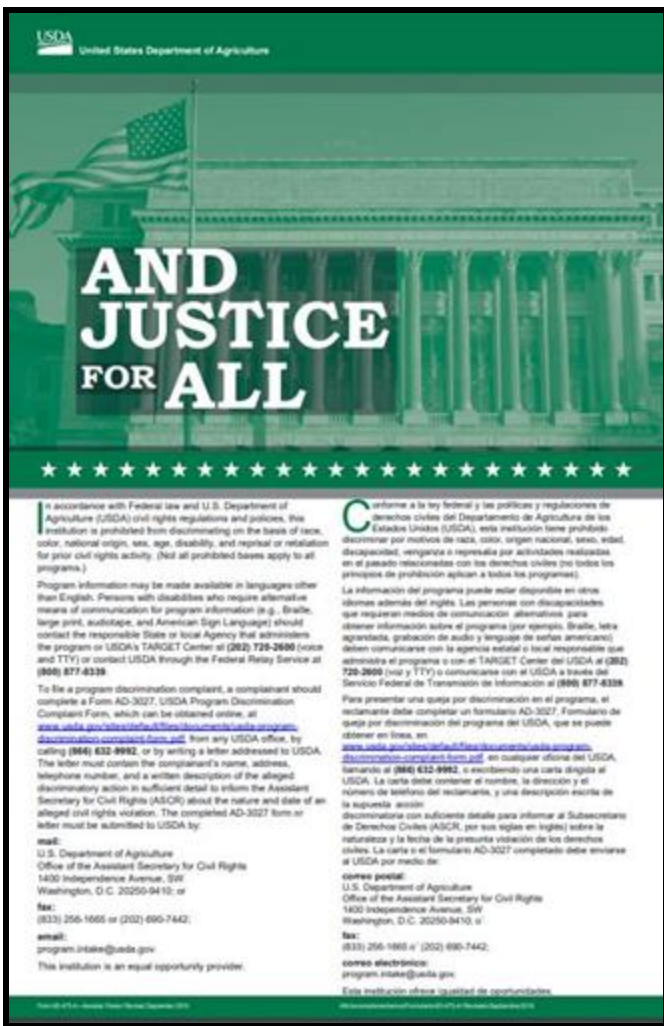
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# Center for **Energy Education**

## A Place of Learning and Training for the Community



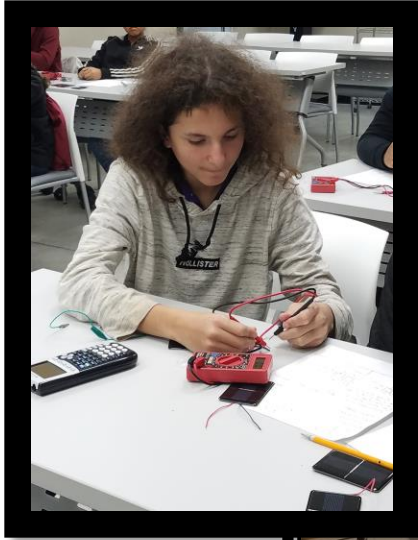


# Our Mission

**To be a cutting-edge space where education, research and industry-leading professionals work and learn side by side. A space where the local community finds the inspiration and opportunities to become the energy professionals and advocates of sustainability of tomorrow.**

# School Programs

- K-12 Customized School Programs
- Renewable Energy Summer Camps
- Renewable Energy Training Program for Teachers





# Workforce Development



- O&M Training
- Solar Farm Construction Classes
- Solar Farm Safety Classes
- Solar 101
- Solar Education for Public Officials





# Community Engagement

- **Utility-Scale Solar Workshop for Public Officials**
- **Community Solar 101 Education Programs**
- **Businesses and Organizations**
- **Universities & Community**
- **Churches**



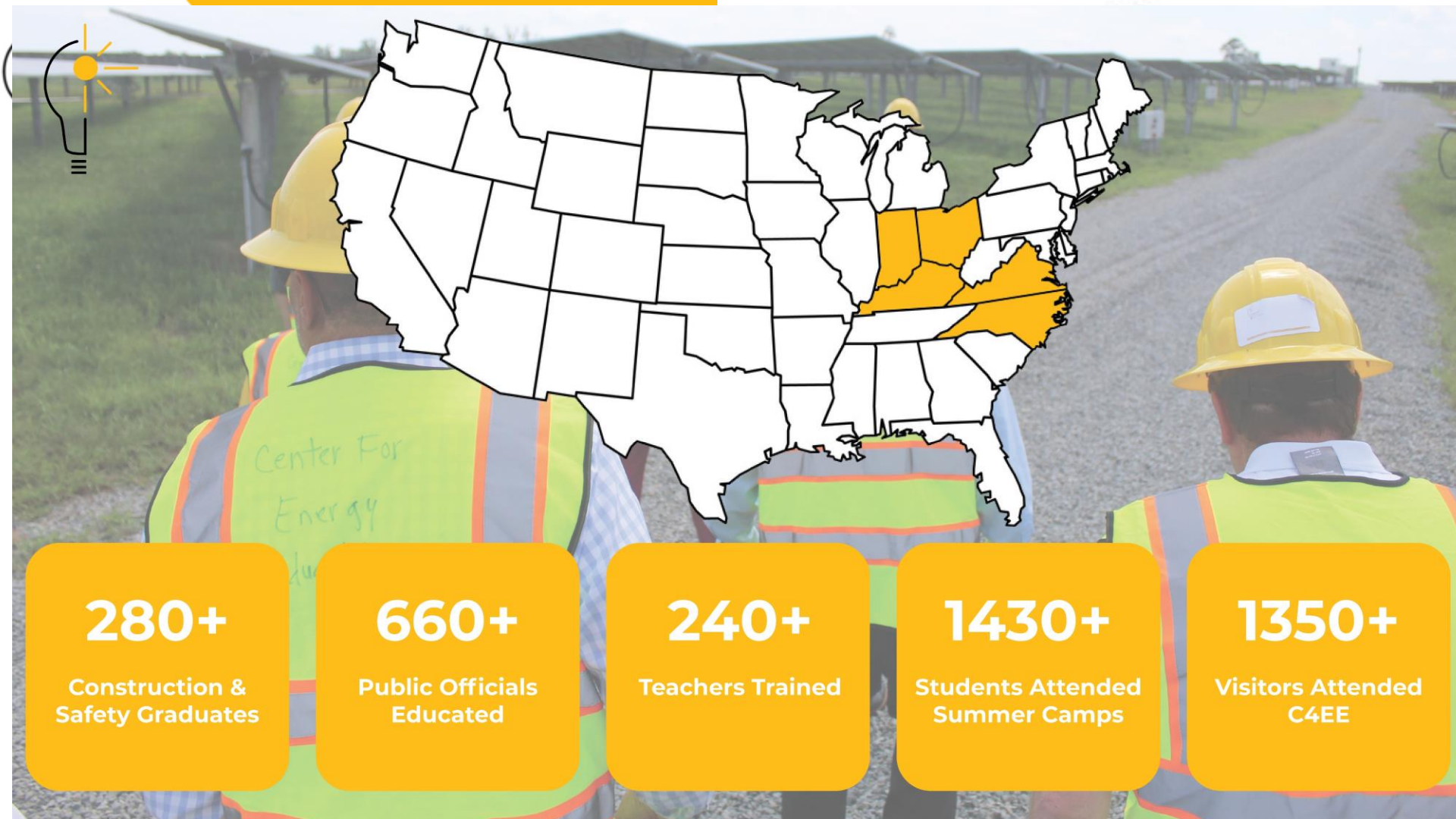


# Solar Research & Training Facility

## Indoor and Outdoor Renewable Energy Exhibits

- Rooftop Training Center
- Solar Tracker System
- Outdoor Classroom
- HXOAP solar farm
- C4EE Weather Station





**280+**

Construction &  
Safety Graduates

**660+**

Public Officials  
Educated

**240+**

Teachers Trained

**1430+**

Students Attended  
Summer Camps

**1350+**

Visitors Attended  
C4EE

# How to Engage with IN R-STEP

**We can assist Indiana communities with data, tools, and educational resources to support informed utility-scale renewable energy planning.**

- network hub of online resources
- peer-to-peer networking events
- in-person and online learning opportunities through webinars, tours, conferences and workshops
- research products for planning and economic development
- facilitate community meetings
- presentations

- IN R-STEP Website: <https://puext.in/rstep>
- Purdue Extension Community Development Newsletter: <https://extension.purdue.edu/cdext>
- R-STEP Email List- If you have registered for an R-STEP you are signed up for this
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