

INDIANA RENEWABLE ENERGY

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

Indiana R-STEP Overview

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A Place of Learning and Training for the Community





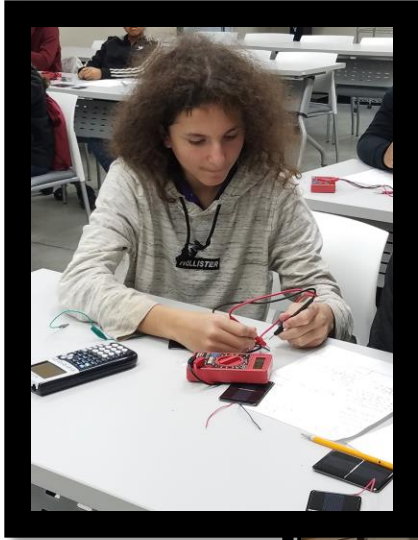
Our Mission

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**



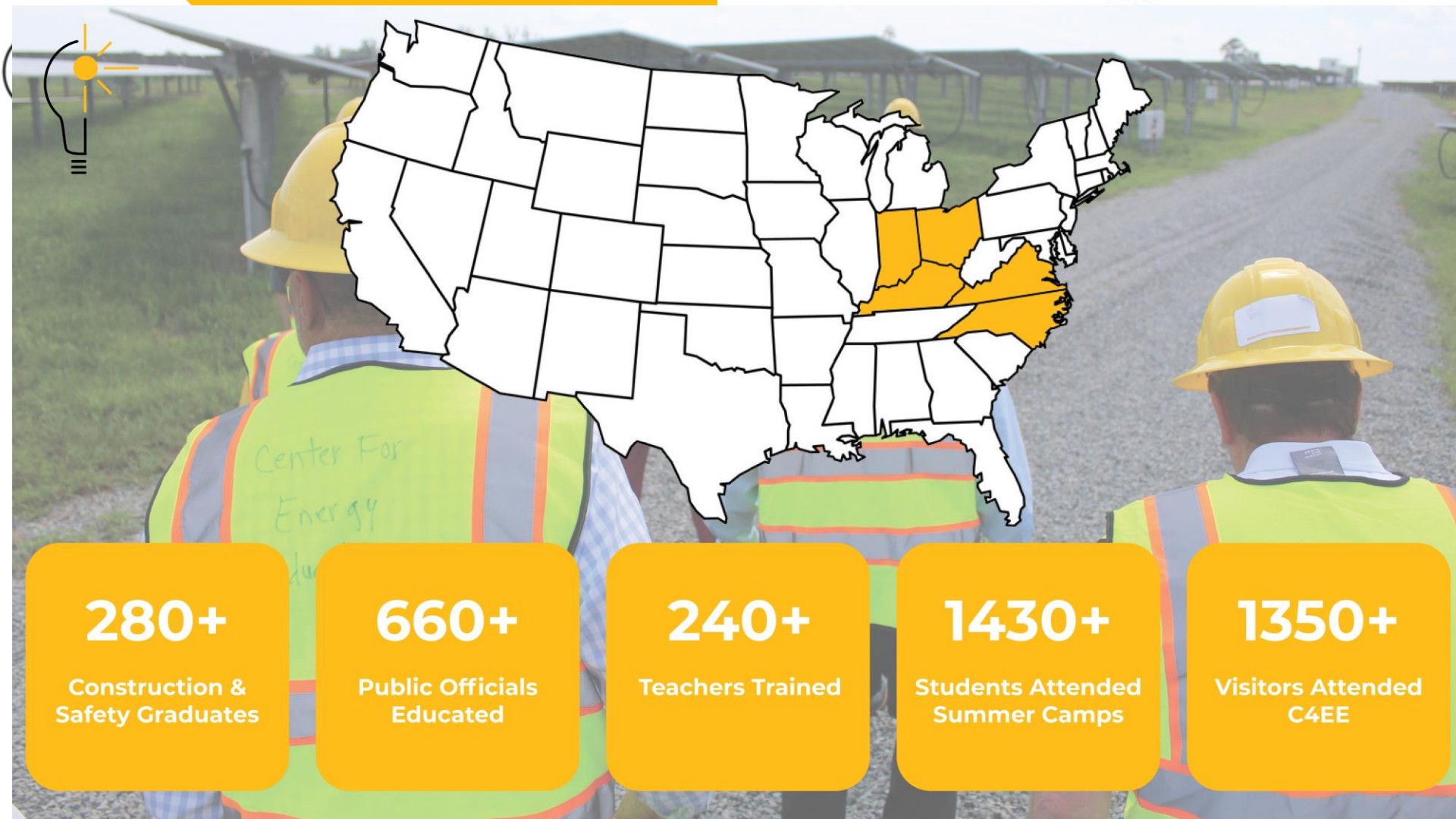


Solar Research & Training Facility

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 program you are signed up for this
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