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## Johnny Weiss - Solar Consulting

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Throughout his career Johnny Weiss has been on the leading edge of solar energy education and training. He has developed, taught and managed renewable energy training programs focused on the practical uses of solar thermal and photovoltaics.

He is currently an independent consultant working internationally from Colorado on special solar projects. His recent work concentrates on helping establish renewable energy education centers, teaching trainers, working with Native American programs

and managing solar projects in the developing world.

As an educator, certified Industrial Trainer and building professional, Johnny has more than 30 years experience in the real-world applications of solar technologies. Johnny co-founded Solar Energy International (SEI) in 1991. He was the Executive Director for over a decade, helping establish SEI as a leader in non-profit solar education.

His experience includes project management with solar energy companies and with NGOs working in sustainable development.

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## Addition information

As an Associate Professor in the '80's, he developed and taught a college level vocational solar training program. Johnny also has hands-on experience as a builder, a licensed general contractor and is knowledgeable in earth/straw construction practices.

Johnny is the proud recipient of the ISP 2008 Mark C. Fitzgerald Memorial Award, the IREC ISPQ Master Trainer Emeritus Award in 2012 and the COSEIA 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award.