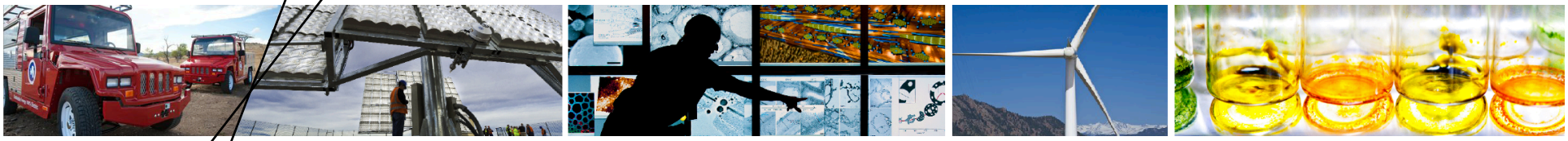
National Renewable Energy Laboratory: Activities Related to Jobs Impacts



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Jobs and Renewable Energy in California

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NREL Jobs Activities Highlights

- **Jobs Analysis Tools**
- **Jobs Analyses**
- **Workforce Development Data and Analysis**
- **Manufacturing Cost Analysis**

The Jobs And Economic Development Impacts (JEDI) Model Suite

- Input-output methodology
- Three types of estimates: Onsite, supply chain, and induced
- Scope: State impacts for a project
- Users: county and state decision-makers, public utility commissions, potential project owners, developers
- Data sources: IMPLAN , industry research for defaults, user input

http://www.nrel.gov/analysis/jedi/about_jedi.html

JEDI Model Availability

- **Current public JEDI models**
  - Utility-scale wind
  - Natural gas (combined cycle)
  - Coal (IGCC)
  - Marine and hydrokinetic
  - Concentrating solar power
  - Ethanol (dry mill corn and cellulosic)
  - Photovoltaic (four scales)
- **JEDI models under development**
  - Hydropower (conventional, small)
  - Offshore wind
  - Small wind
  - Transmission
  - Geothermal
  - Biopower
  - Petroleum

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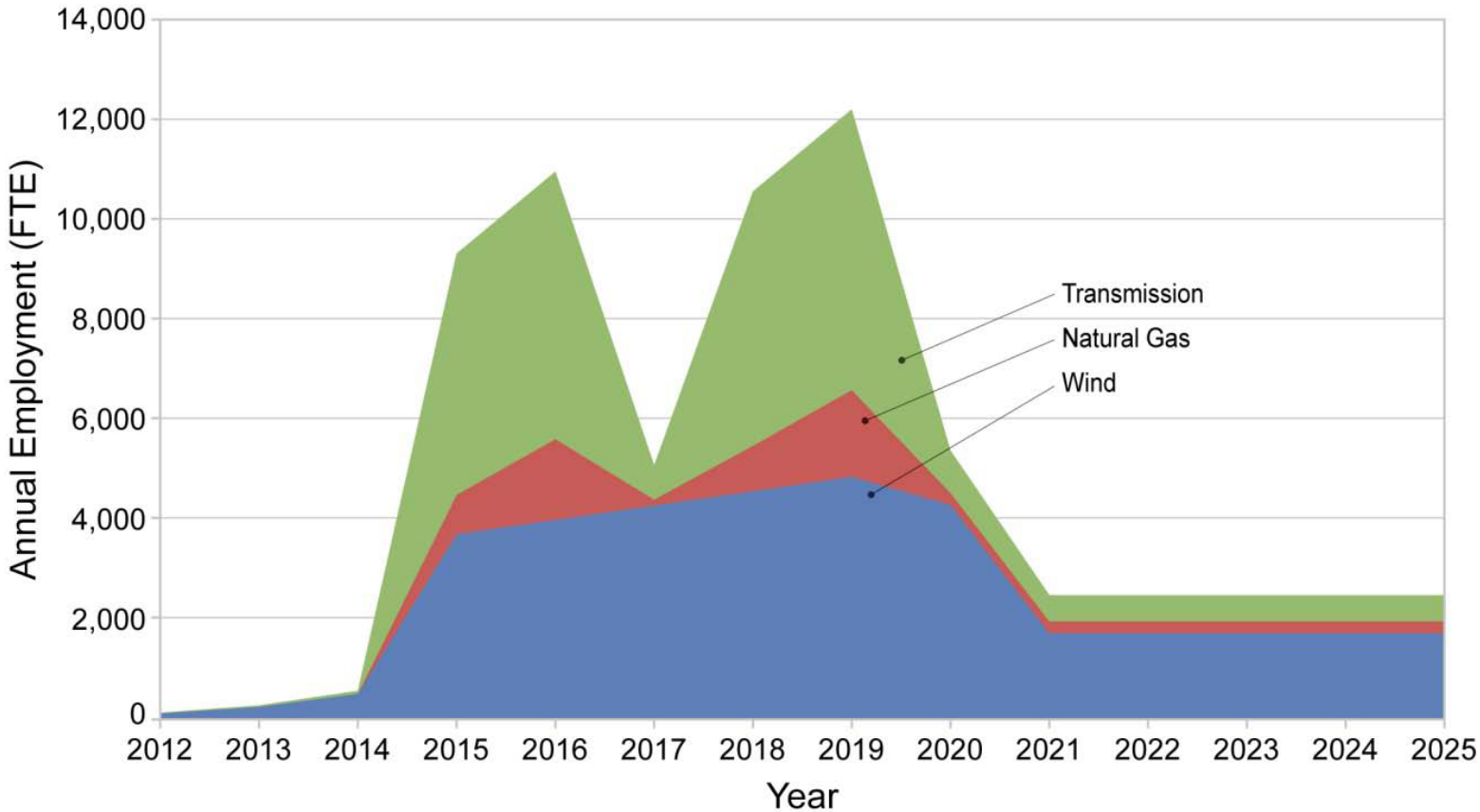
New Jobs Analysis Tools in Process

- **Energy Input-Output Calculator (IOCalc)**
  - Forecasts jobs, earnings, output for 2010-2035
  - Several electric sector technologies in one tool
  - Allows differing assumptions about manufacturing costs over the next 25 years
- **PV Project JEDI (beta testing at https://jedi.nrel.gov/)**
  - New web-based version to replace spreadsheet-based version of JEDI for PV
- **PV Scenario JEDI**
  - Models state or regional-level jobs and economic impacts over a multi-year target period for an entire policy or market size.
  - Offers links to useful resources on solar projections by state from SEIA/GTM; solar carve-out capacity by state, map of manufacturing facilities, etc.

Wyoming Economic Development Proposal

JEDI results show total employment projections in Wyoming from new infrastructure development in power sector



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Treasury Grant 1603 Program Impacts

Summary Estimates of the Direct and Indirect Jobs, Earnings, and Output Supported			
	Average Jobs per year (FTE/year)	Total Earnings (Billions $)	Total Economic Output (Billions $)
During Construction Period (2009-2011)			
Large Wind	44,000-66,000	$7.7-$12.0	$23.0-$39.0
Photovoltaic	8,300-9,700	$1.5-$1.8	$3.5-$4.7
Total Direct + Indirect	52,000-75,000	$9.2-$14.0	$26.0-$44.0
During Operational Period (annual for system lifetime)			
Large Wind	4,500-4,900	$0.26-$0.29	$1.60-$1.70
Photovoltaic	610-630	$0.04	$0.09
Total Direct + Indirect	5,100-5,500	$0.3-$0.3	$1.7-$1.8

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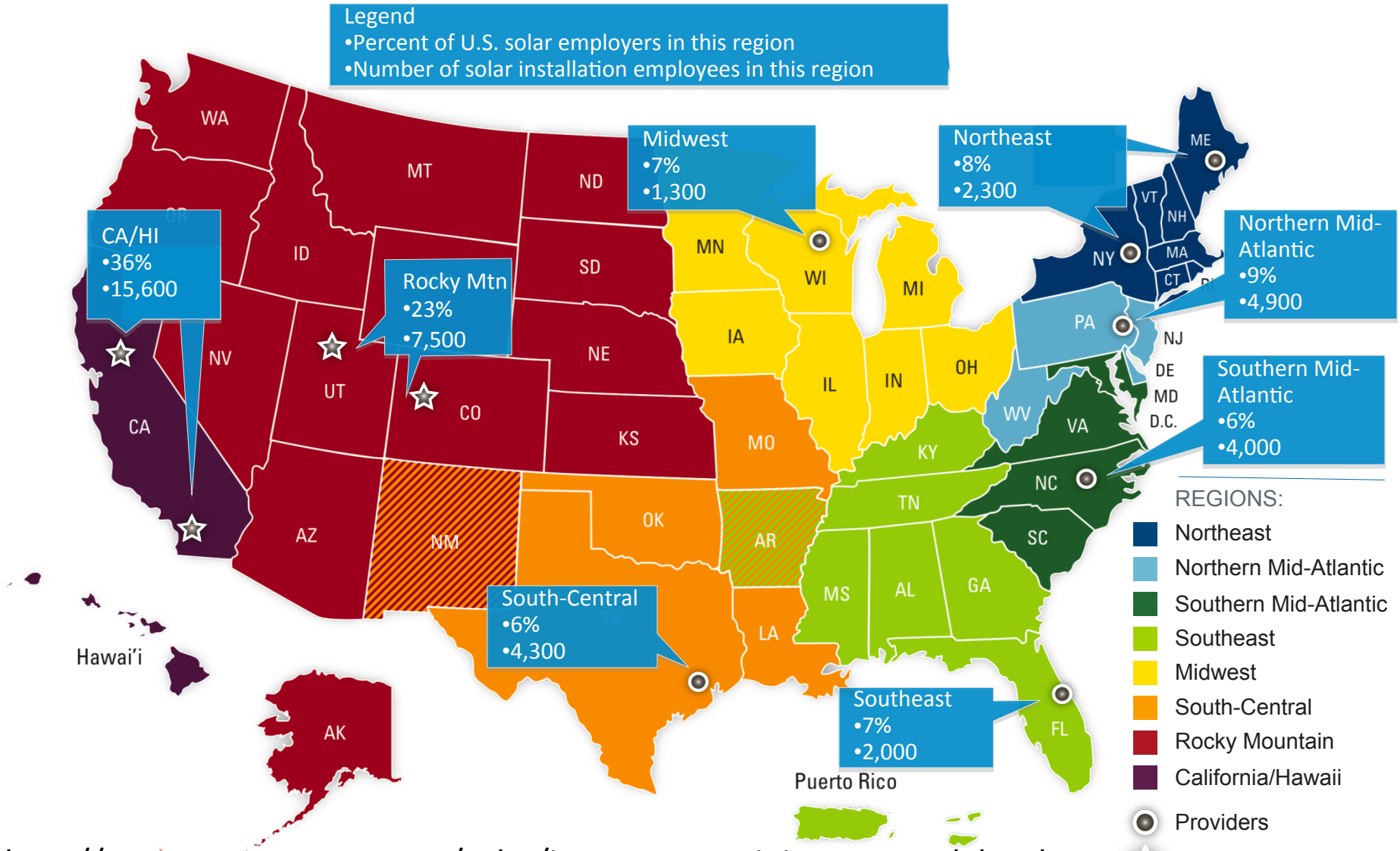
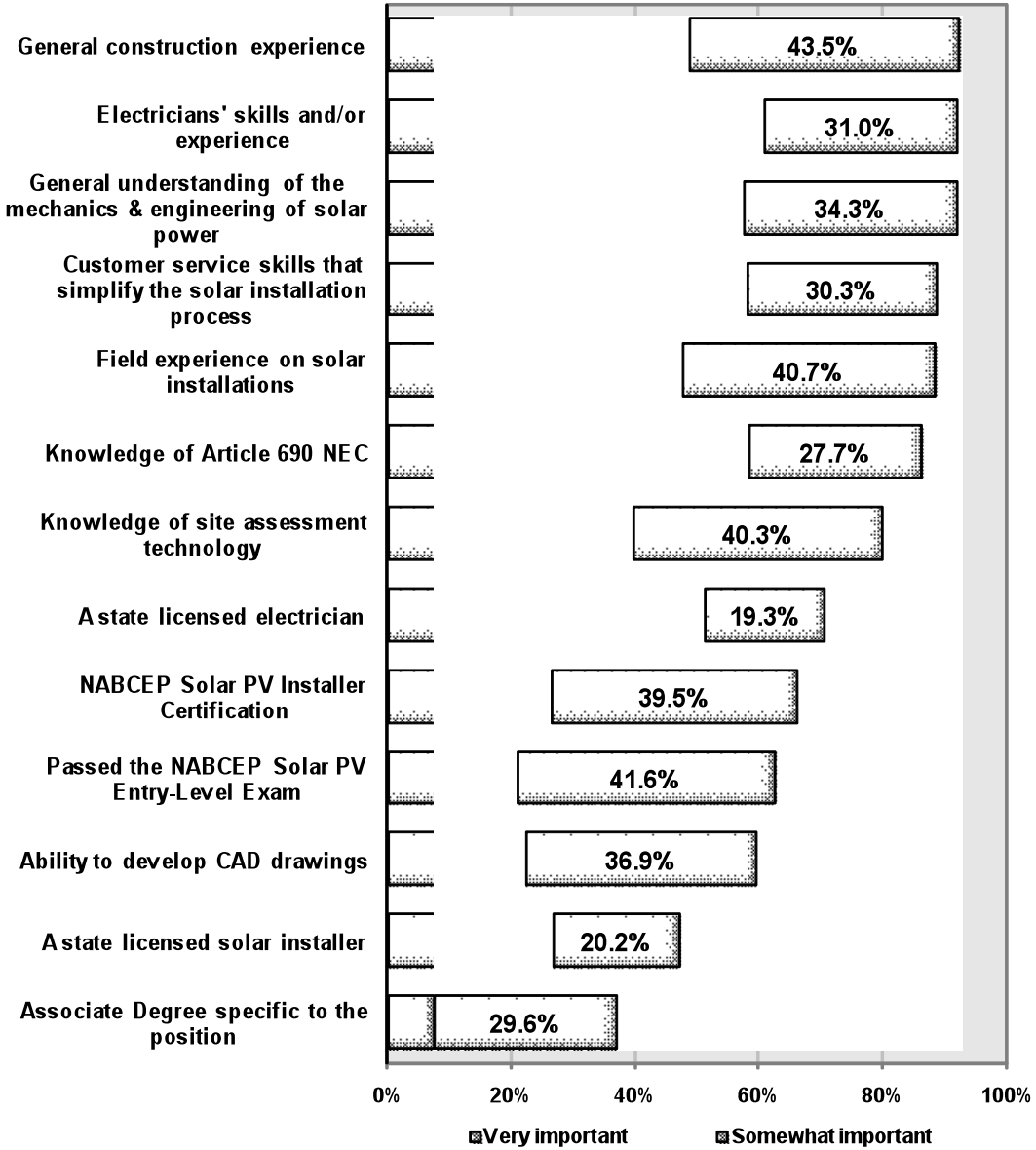
Solar Instructor Training Network

With 2010 Labor Market Analysis Survey Data of Solar Installers



http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/instructor_training_network.html

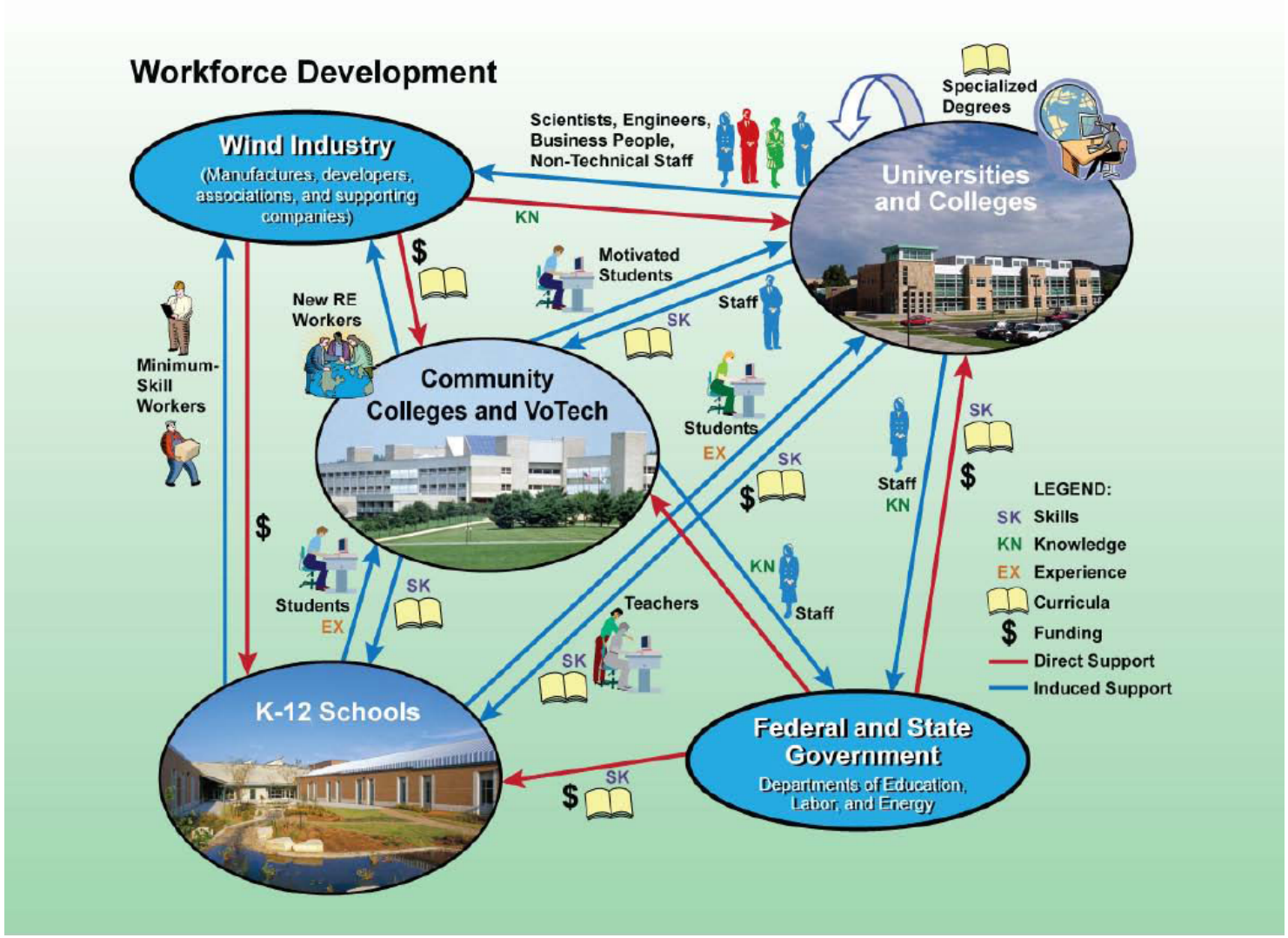
Solar Labor Market Analysis



What is important to solar installers for hiring employees?

Source: Friedman, Jordan, Carrese. (December 2011), "Solar Installation Labor Market Analysis," TR NREL/TP-6A20-49339, http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy12osti/49339.pdf.

Wind Workforce Roadmap and Analysis



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Solar Jobs and Mfg Costs in China and U.S.

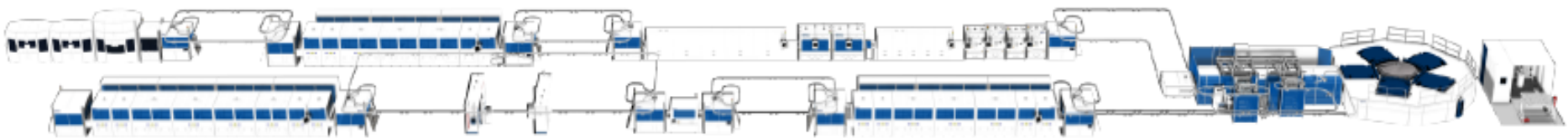

Illustration of a silicon cell line from the SCHMID Group | Gebr. SCHMID GmbH

- **Direct labor content varies from <1.0 job/MWP DC to 4.0 jobs/MWP DC**
  - Suntech automation strategy (~1.4 jobs/MWP DC) reflects inflation risk, not cost benefits
- **Relative to low cost labor regions, automation requires:**
  - 80% less direct labor content, 33% additional investment (automation)

500 $MW_{P\,DC}$ c-Si Cell & Module Facility	US			China		
	Cells	Modules	**Total**	Cells	Modules	**Total**
No. of Direct Laborers (all shifts)	296	104	**400**	1492	508	**2,000**
Unskilled Labor rate ($ per hour)	$13.33			$2.13		
Manufacturing Engineer ($ per year)	$75,110			$8,171		
Total facility Capex ($/$W_p$)	$0.49	$0.19	**$0.68**	$0.35	$0.16	**$0.51**

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