

Chapter Fifteen

The Kentucky Sun Pages

A Directory of Renewable Energy and Green Building Businesses and Professionals Serving Kentucky

The following businesses and professionals provide services and products in the fields of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and environmentally-responsible building. The companies listed include solar installers, architects, engineers, designers, consultants, the building trades, product manufacturers, and distributors. This list is maintained by the Kentucky Solar Partnership and is continually being updated. To find businesses that have been added to the list since the publication of The Kentucky Solar Energy Guide, please visit our website at www.greenprofessionals.org/ky.

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Chapter Sixteen provides a list of national renewable energy and green building equipment suppliers. Again, listing does not constitute an endorsement by KSP or ASPI. This information is provided for the benefit of readers to help you find the services and products you need, but KSP and ASPI make no claims as to the quality or reliability of those listed or their products or services.

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to stay in business we need to focus on the educational aspect due to a lack of knowledge within the general public. Therefore, we need to educate the general public while creating more installer/workers for the Renewable Energy industry. To accomplish these objectives we will continue promoting/teaching Renewable Energy through educational workshops, classes, the weekly radio show, newspaper column, the resource section on our website, trade articles, energy & earth day fairs, & the annual National Tour of Solar Buildings.

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