Atkore Lends Support to IBEW-NECA Technical Institute Renewable Energy Training Center

Along with the growth of renewable energy projects across the country, it’s no surprise that installers require training to prepare the next generation of electricians for careers in renewable energy technology and construction.

Atkore has partnered with Chicago's Local 134 IBEW-NECA Technical Institute to lend support to their new Renewable Energy Training Center, visible right off of Interstate #294 in Alsip, IL.

A key part of the new training center is a solar installation designed and installed by a local contractor, that consists of three photovoltaic systems in the outdoor solar field. A total of 900' of Cope Cable Tray was used to support the cables that run the power to the batteries (see image below). The solar installation will be used to train students to properly install a solar system safely, from start to finish. Beginning now, and for years to come, every time the students disassemble or assemble the system, they will be exposed to Cope® cable tray!

The Training Institute is part of a nationwide network of JATCs (Joint Apprenticeship Training Committees) that are funded by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA). Atkore is pleased to support the IBEW and NECA as they help educate the next generation of trained electricians.