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## **Chester County Economic Development Council's Smart Energy Initiative holds a workshop on cutting fuel use with solar hot water *Event takes place on Friday, March 14***

**EXTON** \_ The Chester County Economic Development Council's Smart Energy Initiative is hosting a workshop on cutting fuel use with solar hot water.

*Alan Rushforth is presenting the workshop. He is the only NACEP (North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners) certified Solar Thermal Installer in the Philadelphia region. He has a 30-year background in contracting, energy efficient renovations, and multi-unit apartment investing, management, and renovations. His education includes three years engineering curriculum at Drexel University, along with numerous solar workshops and training courses. He is the manager of Rushforth Solar LLC, where he designs and heads installations of commercial-scale solar hot water systems.*

*The event takes place on Friday, March 14, 2008, at the Economic Development Council, 737 Constitution Avenue, Exton. The session begins at 7:45 a.m. and the cost is \$15 per person. Educators and representatives of non-profits can attend at no charge. To register contact Leslie Holmes of the Economic Development Council at [lholmes@cceconomicdevelopment.com](mailto:lholmes@cceconomicdevelopment.com)*

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