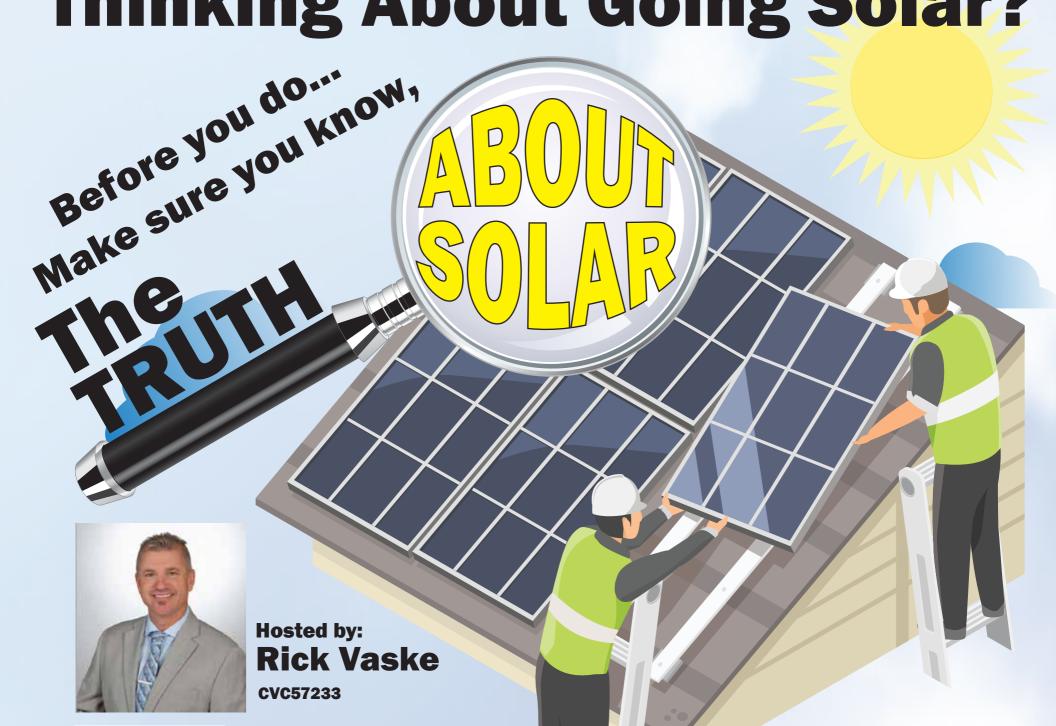
## **Thinking About Going Solar?**











The Truth About Solar Seminar, led by Rick Vaske, Director of the Solar Energy Institute, is designed to provide attendees with the knowledge and confidence they need to make informed decisions about solar energy. Vaske, who has 12 years of experience in the solar industry, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the seminar. He has served as Director of the Solar Energy Institute for 4 years and is a NABCEP Certified Solar Professional & Exam Practitioner for the State of Florida. He also authored the NABCEP Associates Exam Prep Book: Understanding The Power of Positive Energy, as well as the Solar Installation Curriculum for the Florida Department of Education.

The seminar will cover a wide range of topics, including:

- The history and growth of solar in Florida.
- How to navigate interconnection agreements with utility companies.
- The latest federal tax credits for energy efficiency and renewable energy.
- Battery backup systems for state-of-emergency preparedness, particularly during hurricanes.
- The benefits of EV charging stations and energy monitoring devices.

The seminar also aims to address common concerns and questions about solar energy, such as:

- Are all solar panels and AC or DC systems the same?
- Concerns about roof leaks with solar panel installations.
- The return on investment for solar energy systems and determining the appropriate system size.

In addition to providing valuable information, the seminar will also help attendees:

- Avoid "Solar Pirates" and unethical door-knocking sales representatives.
- Identify qualified and trustworthy solar installation companies.

With ample time for Q&A, Vaske ensures that attendees leave the seminar feeling informed, empowered, and ready to embrace a solar-powered future. Vaske's experience includes over 10 years and sits on the Board of Directors of the Florida Solar Energy Industries Association (FlaSEIA). He also serves on the Boards of Directors for Build My Future, the **D.O.E. - Solar Ready Vets program, and the Future Forestry Foundation.**