AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to qualified installers under the state apprenticeship training program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 1884 to read as follows:

§ 1884. Qualified installers. 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation or policy to the contrary, with respect to any solicitation offered by the authority, any individual accredited through an apprenticeship program pursuant to article twenty-three of the labor law shall be deemed to be a qualified installer for any such solicitation that falls substantially within the trade or area for which such individual has completed an apprenticeship program pursuant to article twenty-three of the labor law.

2. The authority is prohibited from requiring additional courses or certifications for such qualified individuals, provided that the work that is being done falls substantially within the trade or area for which such individual has completed an apprenticeship program pursuant to article twenty-three of the labor law.

3. For the purposes of this section, the phrase "substantially within the trade or area" shall mean within the scope of work as defined by the department of labor for that trade or area pursuant to article eight of the labor law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be applied retroactively to any solicitation of the New York state energy research and development authority where work has not already commenced.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.