



ESDEC SOLAR GROUP JOINS WIND HAZARD AND INFRASTRUCTURE PERFORMANCE (WHIP) CENTER

[Esdec Solar Group](#), the world's leading manufacturer of high-quality rooftop solar racking and mounting systems, has joined the [Wind Hazard and Infrastructure Performance \(WHIP\) Center](#).

"We are excited to be joining this world class team and look forward to participating in this exciting research work and its impacts," stated Yann Schwarz, Vice President, Systems Engineering & Compliance for ESDEC Solar Group. ESDEC Solar Group joins the other six members of the Center in the pursuit of research of interest to industry and government agencies to enhance the resiliency of buildings and infrastructure to extreme windstorms.

Dr. Kishor Mehta, WHIP Center Director, stated, "The addition of ESDEC Solar Group widens the types of businesses participating in the WHIP Center. This variety helps create research projects which can benefit more than one type of business."

The WHIP Center's mission is to pursue research of interest to industry and government agencies to enhance the resiliency of buildings and infrastructure to extreme windstorms such as hurricanes and tornadoes. Participating universities in the WHIP Center are Florida International University, Texas Tech University, and Florida Institute of Technology. Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance, GAF, National Institute of Stands and Technology, State Farm Insurance, USAA, and Verisk Analytics are the other companies who are members of the WHIP Center. The WHIP Center's work is supported by the National Science Foundation under Grant Numbers 1841523 and 1841503.

Businesses interested in learning more about the WHIP Center can [follow this link](#), or contact: Kishor Mehta at Kishor.mehta@ttu.edu