



Renewable Energy: Power for Sustainable Communities

8TH ANNUAL COLORADO RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE

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Colorado Renewable Energy Conference Features Clean Energy Programs for Colorado and Beyond

Golden, CO – May 9, 2005 – With a theme of “Renewable Energy: Power for Sustainable Communities,” the Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES) is hosting its eighth annual Colorado Renewable Energy Conference June 9-11, 2005 at Lincoln Center in Fort Collins, Colorado.

The conference is packed with educational seminars, exhibits and hands-on workshops, bringing together business owners, policy makers, community leaders, energy experts, home owners and citizens interested in sharing knowledge about renewable energy and energy efficient technologies and their social, economic and environmental benefits.

A variety of informational half- and full-day workshops will take place on Thursday, June 9 aimed at commercial building professionals, home builders and home owners, would-be entrepreneurs and school teachers, and anyone interested in learning more about renewable energy technologies and programs. Thursday night will feature an open house at New Belgium Brewery for registered conference attendees, featuring local band WhiteWater Ramble, sponsored by SolarBound.

Friday, June 10, will feature concurrent sessions on topics that include Amendment 37, renewable energy and agriculture, net-zero housing, hydrogen, state-of-the-art hydrogen technologies, micro-hydro projects in Colorado, biomass, green tags, and financing for major renewable energy projects.

Tom Starrs, Chairperson of the American Solar Energy Society, will officially kick off the conference on Friday morning with an opening plenary titled: “Where Renewable Energy is Working.” Winners of the annual CRES Renewable Energy in Buildings Awards will also be announced during the opening plenary.

At noon, a collection of Colorado Mayors will form a panel and take a stand on “Power for Sustainable Cities,” co-sponsored by CRES and the prominent ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability. Mayors planning to attend include Boulder’s Mark Ruzzin, Carbondale’s Michael Hassig, Doug Hutchinson of Ft. Collins and Steve Burkholder of Lakewood. Members of the general public are invited to attend this session free of charge.

Following the Mayors Forum, Randy Udall is scheduled to lead a concurrent session discussing how cities can successfully develop sustainable policies, and the subsequent roles citizens can play. Other events will include concurrent sessions on hydrogen, micro-hydro, biomass, financing renewable energy projects, and a net-zero house, as well as a reception for conference attendees and a 7 p.m. plenary session. This session is open to the public, and will feature Steve Andrews, peak oil activist, and Bracken Hendricks, Executive Director of the Apollo Alliance in Washington D.C., who will discuss the end of oil security and job creation in renewable energy industries.

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Saturday, June 11th is dedicated to public education with exhibits, presentations and workshops open to conference attendees and the public throughout the day. A guided tour of solar buildings and residences will also take place from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. at a cost of \$8.

Workshop and conference ticket costs vary. Visit www.cres-energy.org/crec2005/ for full details, including program and registration information. For additional information about exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities, or if you have questions about attending the event, contact Sheila Townsend, Executive Director of the Colorado Renewable Energy Society, at (303) 806-5317.

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About CRES:

The Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to promoting the social, economic and environmental benefits of solar, wind, biomass, geothermal, and energy efficiency technologies. CRES is the Colorado chapter of the American Solar Energy Society.

Each year, CRES sponsors a three-day conference to serve CRES members, promote renewable energy and sustainable businesses, and inform consumers. This conference is chiefly planned, coordinated, promoted, and mounted by volunteers. CRES also sponsors the annual Denver Tour of Solar Homes.

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