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2004 Renewable Energy in Buildings Awards Recipients Honored
At Upcoming Colorado Renewable Energy Conference

Denver, CO – June 2, 2004 – The Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES) will kick off this year's 7th annual Colorado Renewable Energy Conference on Friday, June 25 by honoring the recipients of the 2004 Renewable Energy in Buildings Awards. This prestigious award, now in its fifth year, is presented to builders, owner-builders and architects to acknowledge their incorporation of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies in newly constructed buildings.

Two awards will be presented – for one *Residential* and one *Non-residential* project – at the start of the 7:00 p.m. Opening Plenary Address on June 25 at the University of Denver's Sturm Hall, located at Asbury and Race Streets in Denver. The award submittals were rated on 15 different categories, including use of renewable energy, environmental impact, esthetics, public awareness and replicability.

In addition, a CRES Special Achievement award will be given to Maria Ellingson, Director of Energy Efficiency and Conservation of Energy Outreach Colorado, for her leading role in creating the national energy efficiency campaign, Energy Hog, designed to help raise awareness of energy efficiency to consumers and youth. As part of this national TV, radio and Internet campaign, children can go to the www.energyhog.org site to actively bust the Hog and his energy wasting ways, and learn how to fix those weak spots in homes where energy is wasted via poor insulation, inefficient refrigerators and weather stripping.

CRES Board member Doug Seiter, who works as a project manager at the Denver Regional Office of the Department of Energy, stated, "This year's CRES Building Award winners reflect the growing trend toward high-performance buildings that are not only designed to take advantage of the energy contributions of the sun and wind, but are also designed with the recognition that buildings are interacting systems. The occupants of these buildings enjoy lower energy costs, but also benefit from living environments that are healthier and more comfortable."

The Fitzgerald residence in Tabernash, Colorado is this year's winner in the *Residential category*. Owners Mark and Cyndie Fitzgerald, working with architectural firm Solar Design Associates of Harvard, MA and contractor Ken Olsen of SoL Energy LLC in Carbondale, CO, incorporated various renewable and energy efficiency technologies and practices in their building, including site protection during construction; passive solar design; solar thermal collection for space and water heating; radiant floor heating; a 2.39 kW grid-tied photovoltaic system; energy-efficient design; Structural Insulated Panel (SIP) wall construction; mechanical ventilation with heat recovery; low emission indoor finish materials (paints, sealants, glues, etc.); recycled materials and waste recycling during construction.

Boulder Community Foothills Hospital in Boulder, Colorado won the award in the *Non-Residential category* along with architects Kristi Ennis of Boulder Associates and Caroline Clevinger of Architectural Energy Corporation. Notable project highlights include a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver rating; daylighting; natural ventilation with operable patient room windows; energy-efficient design with full building commissioning; building design for solar control; local materials and use of recycled content materials for resource reduction; low emitting interior materials for better indoor air quality; site protection during construction, including preservation of an historical prairie dog colony; and 64% construction waste recycling.

Honorable mentions go to the Prairie Straw residence and Next Step Architectural Group, both of Brighton, CO; Whaley Conservation Development in Berthoud, CO, and Josh Van Riper (project owner, designer and engineer); the San Luis Headstart Childcare Center in San Luis, CO and Architectural Harmonics, Boulder, CO; and the University of Denver College of Law in Denver, CO, submitted by the ENSAR Group, Boulder, CO.

The conference is combined this year with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL) Consumer Energy Expo, bringing together citizens, students, community leaders, and energy experts for three days of seminars, workshops, exhibits and social events taking place June 25 – 27 at the University of Denver, cosponsored by the DU College of Law and its Natural Resources and Environmental Law Society, along with the DU Office of Graduate Studies and the DU chapter of Sigma Xi, a scientific research society founded in 1886 for scientists and engineers.

Most programs will be held at DU's Sturm Hall and the Frank H. Ricketson Jr. Law School. For further information on attending any or all of the conference events, including the award ceremony, visit <http://cres-energy.org>.

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