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COLORADO RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY HOSTS ANNUAL DINNER & AWARDS, MAY 17, 2012

Colorado recognizes organizations' and individuals' contributions to the states growing renewable energy economy

DENVER, CO., Apr. 25, 2012—The [Colorado Renewable Energy Society](http://www.cres-energy.org) (CRES) today announced it will host its Annual Dinner and Awards, May 17, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center, 14th St and California St in Denver. This event honors individuals and organizations who have endowed our state with exemplary contributions in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable design strategies and technologies.

The Annual Awards Dinner is to be held in conjunction with the [World Renewable Energy Forum \(WREF\)](http://www.wref.com), at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, May 13-17 2012. The Forum is estimated to attract 4,000 participants from around the world, including those attending Showcase Colorado, a 16-session track organized by CRES.

Keynotes

The dinner features keynotes from former Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. and world renowned nature photographer John Fielder.

Gov. Ritter, who now heads [CSU's Center for the New Energy Economy](http://www.csu.edu/newenergy), will share his roadmap for policy makers, governors, planners, and other decision makers to guide the country along the road to a more secure, stable, sustainable, and affordable energy future.

Mr. Fielder will present "Celebrating 20 Years of Great Outdoors Colorado: A Sneak Preview." This multimedia presentation includes photographs, music, and discussion of the landscapes and vistas protected when we support renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Awards

Larson-Notari Award recognizes individuals or groups who have given distinguished service and made exemplary contributions to renewable energy, energy efficiency, or sustainable building.

CRES Institutional Building Award acknowledges owners and builders for innovative use of RE and sustainable design in new or retrofit construction.

CRES Residential Building Award honors single-family or multi-family residence owners and builders for outstanding use of renewable energy and sustainable design in new or retrofit construction.

This year, CRES will offer a special award in appreciation for *Outstanding Community Leadership and Achievement for a Cleaner Environment* to the American Lung Association of Colorado for their leadership in Project FEVER (Fostering Electric Vehicle Expansion in the Rockies).

The Annual Awards Dinner kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour, followed by 6:30 p.m. dinner. To register for this event, go to www.blacktie-colorado.com and use code CRES517.

About the [Colorado Renewable Energy Society](http://www.cres-energy.org)

The Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES) a non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) membership organization leading Colorado and its people to an energy efficient and renewable energy economy, by advancing education, policy and economic development. For more information, go to www.cres-energy.org