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COLORADO RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY 2011 AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Individual and Renewable Energy in Buildings Winners to Receive Awards June 3 at The Colorado Renewable Energy Society Conference

Denver, May 13, 2011—The Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES) today announced the winners of its 2011 Renewable Energy in Buildings Awards and Individual Awards programs; including the Larson-Notari Award and Volunteer of the Year Award. The CRES awards program is one of many on going initiatives to recognize and encourage organizations and individuals contributions to Colorado's growing renewable energy economy.

The prestigious building awards, now in its twelfth year, are presented to builders, building owners, and architects to acknowledge their incorporation of renewable energy and energy efficiency in newly constructed buildings. The awards consist of four categories commercial, institutional, multi-family residential and single-family residential. Both winners in the institutional and commercial categories this year have certified their buildings with the U.S. Green Buildings Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). LEED is a rating system that evaluates environmental performance from a whole-building perspective. LEED buildings usually consume much less energy and are built with materials and construction practices that have a minimal impact on the environment than standard buildings.

2011 Renewable Energy Building Award Recipients Include:

- **Commercial:** Rocky Mountain Innosphere, Olexa Tkachenko, architect, Ft. Collins, CO
- **Multi-Family Residential:** MetroWest Housing Solutions, Creekside West Apartment Building, Lakewood, CO
- **Institutional:** National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Research Support Facility, Golden, CO
- **Single Family Residential:** Michael Kracauer, Architropic Architects, NZE House, Boulder, CO
- **Honorable Mention Single Family Residential:** Jim Logan, Logan-Wiggins House 3, Boulder, CO

Also, two individual awards will be given. The Larson-Notari Award, now in its seventh year, recognizes an individual for distinguished service and exemplary contributions to the field of renewable energy and the Volunteer of the Year Award, in its ninth year, which honors a CRES member who has volunteered extraordinary amounts of time and effort and made significant contributions to the betterment of CRES and its causes.

2011 Individual Award Recipients Include:

- **Larson-Notari Award:** Ms. Leslie W. Glustrom
- **Volunteer of the Year Award:** Ms. Patricia Roberts

"Colorado has tremendous creative and entrepreneurial spirit that has helped fuel the state's leadership in the new energy economy," said Tony Frank, CRES Executive Director. "CRES is proud to honor this year's award winners who are paving the way to a promising economic future, creating new jobs, protecting our environment and increasing our energy security."

Recipients will receive their awards at the annual Awards Dinner, taking place Friday evening, June 3 as part of the Colorado Renewable Energy Conference (CREC) held in Fort Collins June 2-4, 2011. Themed

“Local Action—Global Solutions,” CREC will feature over 50 sessions and 70 speakers on renewable energy, sustainable building and technologies as well as environmental science by foremost experts from throughout Colorado and across the nation.

To attend the event please register through the **CREC website**.

Photos and further details on the award recipients and projects are available through CRES. Please contact Aurora Arlet for more information.

About the Colorado Renewable Energy Conference (CREC)

Themed “Local Action—Global Solutions,” CREC 2011 will be held in Fort Collins June 2-4, 2011. Over 50 sessions and 70 speakers on renewable energy, sustainable building and technologies as well as environmental science will be presented by foremost experts from throughout Colorado and across the nation. An entire Thursday dedicated to professional development with credentialing tracks, including LEED-accredited professionals, EcoBrokers, engineers, educators and community-based energy development. Friday will focus on public policy and governmental initiatives in comprehensive sessions with experts from NREL, CSU, industry-leading companies well as CRES’ 15-year anniversary at the awards banquet. Saturday will feature hands-on fun and how-to help for green building, solar energy, electric transportation, local action and green companies. For detailed information, go to **www.cres-energy.org/conference**

About the Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES) The Colorado Renewable Energy Society is a non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) membership organization that works to inspire an era of clean energy innovation, speeding the transition to a sustainable energy economy in Colorado by advancing education, policy, and development. For more information, go to **<http://www.cres-energy.org>**

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