



Renewable Energy: Power for Sustainable Communities

8TH ANNUAL COLORADO RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE

June 9-11, 2005 • Lincoln Center, Fort Collins

Sponsored by the COLORADO RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY

The annual conference of the Colorado Renewable Energy Society will take place June 9-11, bringing together renewable energy and energy efficiency professionals, policy makers, and the interested public under the theme: **“Renewable Energy: Power for Sustainable Communities.”**

The Conference will take place at the Lincoln Center in downtown Fort Collins and will feature exhibits, educational sessions and hands-on workshops directed toward home owners, business owners, and local leaders.

Thursday, June 9th, will feature workshops several full-day and half-day workshops. “Building Solar” is aimed at commercial building professionals preparing to incorporate solar technologies into their projects. “Intro to Systems Thinking” will explain for home builders and home owners how production builders are using the systems approach to build houses that deliver comfort, durability, efficiency, and safety. “Demystifying HERS and Energy Star Changes” will bring home builders up-to-date on changes to the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) and the EPA’s Energy Star programs. Another workshop will teach would-be entrepreneurs how to start their own business, while another will introduce Colorado school teachers to a renewable-energy curriculum.

Thursday night will feature an open house at New Belgium Brewery.

Friday, June 10th, will feature concurrent sessions on topics including Amendment 37, renewable energy and agriculture, net-zero housing, hydrogen, and green tags. Tom Starrs, Chairman of the Board of the American Solar Energy Society, will open the day with a plenary on “Where Renewable Energy is Working.” At noon, CRES is proud to co-host a panel of Colorado Mayors with ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability. The Mayors will take the stand to discuss “Power for Sustainable Cities”. This will be followed by a concurrent session led by Randy Udall on how cities can successfully develop sustainable policies, and the role that citizens can play in this. At 7 p.m., the public is invited to join the CRES conference to hear a representative from the Apollo Alliance, a national coalition of leading businesses calling for independence from foreign oil and the creation of renewable energy jobs in the U.S.

Saturday, June 11th is dedicated to public education with exhibits and presentations open to the public throughout the day. In addition, three workshops will be held throughout the day: one will focus on teaching homebuyers what to look for in a new home; another aimed at homeowners and homebuyers who are considering putting solar electric power on their rooftop. Also on Saturday, Women Insisting on Sustainable Energy (WISE), will also welcome the public to join them in developing a strategy for increasing renewable energy use in our communities.

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.	
Thursday, June 9	Professional workshops: Performance contracting, System Design, Business, etc.							New Belgium Brewery Social	
Friday, June 10	Morning Plenary w/ Tom Starrs of ASES, sessions & lunch.		Mayors Forum	Concurrent Sessions: Local Policy, state policy, State-of-the-art on Hydrogen, Amendment 37, etc.			Re- cep- tion	Keynote: Apollo Alliance	
Saturday, June 11	Exhibits open to the public, info sessions, and workshops.								

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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.

For additional information about exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities, or if you have questions about attending the event, please contact Sheila Townsend, Executive Director of the Colorado Renewable Energy Society, at (303) 279-1446.

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