



P.O. Box 933  
Golden, CO 80402  
303-806-5317  
[www.cres-energy.org](http://www.cres-energy.org)

**\*\*\* FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE \*\*\***  
**Denver, Colorado / September 5, 2007**

**Denver Tour of Solar and Green Built Homes and Buildings on October 6 to Feature the Latest and Greatest in Sustainable Building Design**



At a time when energy prices and environmental problems are reaching epic proportions, the need for more sustainable and energy-efficient design of homes and buildings is now greater than ever. To this end, **the Colorado Renewable Energy Society will once again host the Denver Tour of Solar and Green Built Homes and Buildings on Saturday, October 6, 2007.**

The Denver Tour is part of the American Solar Energy Society's "National Solar Tour" ([www.ases.org/tour](http://www.ases.org/tour)), held each year on the first Saturday of October. The Tour showcases residential and commercial buildings that embrace energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly design, and take advantage of a wide variety of renewable energy sources.

Nearly twenty homes and businesses –in Denver, Golden, and Westminster – will be part of this year's Tour, and will feature the following architectural, energy, and other forward-thinking technologies:

- **Solar Photovoltaic ("PV")** – Solar panels that convert sunlight directly into electricity;
- **Solar Thermal** – Solar panels that use the sun's light and heat for electricity and/or water heating;
- **Passive Solar** – Buildings that are designed to make optimal use of the sun to daylight the interior;
- **Thermal Envelope** – Buildings in which the interface between its interior and exterior environments are designed for maximum energy efficiency and optimal indoor health, comfort, and air quality;
- **Construction** – Buildings constructed using more sustainable methods, and with reused & recycled materials;
- **Lighting** – Energy-efficient lighting: Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Light Emitting Diodes (LED's), etc.;
- **Appliances** – Buildings with Energy Star and other energy-efficient appliances;
- **"Water Features"** – Buildings with water-saving features (important for Denver and the West);
- **"Green Features"** – Other features that add to a building's overall environmental friendliness;
- **Transportation / Lifestyle** – Homes whose residents employ alternative transportation and/or other lifestyle changes in order to reduce their environmental impact.

**Denver Tour of Solar and Green Built Homes and Buildings on October 6 to Feature the Latest and Greatest in Sustainable Building Design**  
(cont'd.)



The cost to join **The Denver Tour of Solar and Green Built Homes and Buildings** is only \$20.00 per carload (carpooling is strongly recommended). There will also be a guided bus tour (with lunch) for only \$45.00 per person. To reserve a seat on the bus, call the CRES Hotline at 303-806-5317. On-line registration for the Tour and additional materials are available at [www.cres-energy.org/events/tour](http://www.cres-energy.org/events/tour).

**The Denver Tour of Solar and Green Built Homes and Buildings** will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 6, with check-in at “The Signature Centre,” a new green-built office building (and featured on this year’s Tour) at 14143 Denver West Parkway in Golden. Take Interstate 70 to Exit 263 (Denver West Boulevard), and then follow the signs.

A wide variety of Tour Sponsors will have exhibits at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Visitor Center, 15013 Denver West Parkway (just up the road from The Signature Centre).

The Colorado Energy Science Center ([www.energyscience.org](http://www.energyscience.org)) will host several energy education seminars and workshops before, during, and after the Tour as part of its “Smart Energy Living” series. More information on these workshops is available at [www.smartenergyliving.org/ecm/Workshops](http://www.smartenergyliving.org/ecm/Workshops).

Solar Home Tours will also take place on Saturday, October 6, in Fort Collins, Colorado Springs, and throughout the rest of Colorado and the USA. A separate Solar Home Tour will also take place in Boulder on Sunday, September 30. A complete listing of tours is available at [www.ases.org/tour](http://www.ases.org/tour).

###

For additional information, please contact:

**- Colorado Renewable Energy Society**

Website: [www.cres-energy.org/events/tour](http://www.cres-energy.org/events/tour)

(featuring building photos, flyers, on-line registration, sponsor information, and more)

Hotline: 303-806-5317

e-mail: [info@cres-energy.org](mailto:info@cres-energy.org)

**- American Solar Energy Society / National Solar Tour** – 303-443-3130 / [www.ases.org/tour](http://www.ases.org/tour)

**- Colorado Energy Science Ctr.** – 303-216-2026 / [www.energyscience.org](http://www.energyscience.org) / [www.smartenergyliving.org](http://www.smartenergyliving.org)

**- Phil von Hake (CRES Communications Director)** – 303-762-8547 / [phil@pvhccc.com](mailto:phil@pvhccc.com)