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2011 Florida Renewable Energy Tour announces Ft. Myers/Naples Tour Stop

Florida Gulf Coast University hosts an evening Town Hall event after a day of touring solar and renewable energy installations in the Ft. Myers/Naples area.

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The Florida Alliance for Renewable Energy (FARE) announces the tour stop in its 2011 Renewable Energy Tour taking place during the day and evening on Thursday, February 17. During the day the tour consists of visits to various renewable energy installations in the area.

The tour begins with a Tour Kick-Off breakfast at 8:15 a.m. sponsored by Costco at 10088 Gulf Center Drive in Fort Myers. Subsequent tour stops continue throughout the morning and afternoon.

From noon to 2 p.m., Hodges University at its Fort Myers Campus will host a symposium featuring two sessions. The first session, is presented by Dawn Dzurilla, Founder & Managing Partner of Gaia Human Capital Consultants is titled, "*Creating Renewable Energy Jobs and a Clean Energy Economy in the U.S. and Especially Florida.*" The second moderated session titled, "*Florida's Future as a Leader in Biofuels and Alternative Fuels*" features two prominent biofuel executives, Kenneth Spall, Managing Director of Algenol Biofuels and Bill Vasden, Chairman of the Florida Feedstock Growers Association.

At 3:30 p.m. at the Sugden Welcome Center, Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) will host a "hard-hat" tour of its 15-acre solar photovoltaic array that produces approximately 85 percent of the energy needed to operate its Engineering and Business School buildings, as well as Academic Building 7, the newest science laboratory and classroom building for the College of Arts and Sciences. Dell Jones, Vice President for Regenesys Power, will give a presentation and tour.

From 5 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., Florida Gulf Coast University will host a Town Hall meeting, **beginning with registration at 4:30 p.m.** FGCU's town-hall will commence with a Welcome Address from Dr. Wilson G. Bradshaw, President of FGCU, followed by two panel discussions. The first panel will feature 5 - 6 regional leaders including, economic development leaders, senior-level renewable energy executives and policy leaders. The second panel will feature several members of Florida State Legislators. Engaging local and state legislators, local business leaders and

groups as well as renewable energy and cleantech industry experts will stimulate the discussion to advance renewable energy in Florida.

"The debate over renewable energy is not whether it should or shouldn't be; the real debate is how it is achieved. As Florida policymakers consider energy, environmental, conservation, economic development and job creation goals, no doubt renewable energy will lead to the development of a stronger regional economy, create well-paying jobs and further increase Florida's path toward environmental sustainability." states, Dawn Dzurilla, Managing Partner of Gaia Human Capital Consultants and Coordinator of the 2011 Florida Renewable Energy Tour in Fort Myers/Naples.

The 2011 Renewable Energy Tour will travel across Florida, visiting 10 cities in the month of February, leading up to the beginning of March legislative session. The tour will focus on renewable energy policy, and discussion will include local job creation, manufacturing and export, and economic resurgence.

The 2011 Renewable Energy Tour is being held during the last 3 weeks of February 2011 with an official full schedule of locations and speakers posted at www.farenergy.org

For information about the Fort Myers/Naples tour contact Dawn Dzurilla at (212)734-4912 or at dawnd@gaiahumancapital.com.

About The Florida Alliance for Renewable Energy:

The Florida Alliance for Renewable Energy (FARE) is a coalition of concerned individuals, businesses, manufacturers, communities, agricultural stakeholders, associations, policy makers, non-profits, and renewable energy producers.

FARE is dedicated to educating and engaging Floridians on Production Based Incentives. PBI's have proven to be the most wide-spread and effective legislation for the promotion of renewable energy. Support FARE today and help secure a future for Florida that includes job creation, energy security and environmental stewardship.

About Gaia Human Capital Consultants:

Founded in 2006, Gaia Human Capital Consultants (GHCC) has become a highly recognized and well-respected Executive Search leader at the intersection of Executive Search and Renewable Energy and Cleantech industries. Leveraging decades of senior-level retained executive search, team-building and organizational experience, GHCC partners with firms and investors at all levels of development and size from early to mid-stage to late-stage companies to multinationals worldwide to attract, evaluate and secure world-class, senior-executive talent.

GHCC has executed several search assignments for executives & professionals from CEO's to senior individual contributors. GHCC are active members of The American Council on Renewable Energy, The New England Clean Energy Council, The Florida Alliance for Renewable Energy and a host of Human Resource organizations. Additional information can be found at www.gaiahumancapital.com.

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