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

Florida Gulf Coast University will host 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) is excited to announce the tour stop in its 2011 Renewable Energy Tour taking place on Thursday, February 17th. During the day the tour will consist of visits to various renewable energy installations in the area. At 5:00 p.m. Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) will host a Town Hall event engaging local and state legislators, local business leaders and groups as well as renewable energy and cleantech industry experts to discuss the advancement of renewable energy in Florida.

"[Thirty nine \(39\) U.S. States](#) have set their own standards or have set exacting goals specifying that electric utilities generate a certain amount of electricity from renewable or alternative energy sources; Florida is presently not among them. These standards are called Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS). As Florida policymakers consider energy, environmental, conservation, economic development and job creation goals, an RPS would no doubt incentivize 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 be traveling 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.

At 4:30 p.m. Florida Gulf Coast University will host a "hard-hat" tour of its recently completed 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 AB-7, the newest science laboratory and classroom building for the College of Arts and Sciences.

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 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.

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.

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