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| **Renowned Renewable Energy Advocate Michael Brower to Speak at Second Annual Go Solar Renewable Energy Fest on Friday, June 6** |
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| **- Dr. James Fenton of UCF's Solar Energy Center is keynote on Saturday, June 7 -** |
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| |  | | --- | | Go Solar Fest | | Go Solar Fest |   **DATE:** May 7, 2014  **MEDIA CONTACT:** Armando Linares, Deputy Director  Broward County Environmental Protection & Growth Management Department  **PHONE:** 954-357-6602  **EMAIL:** [alinares@broward.org](mailto:alinares@broward.org)    **BROWARD COUNTY, Fla. -** Michael Brower, president and chief executive officer of the American Council On Renewable Energy (ACORE), will be the opening speaker of Broward County’s Second Annual Go Solar Fest, June 6-7, at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd., [Fort Lauderdale](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/).   The free, two-day event will feature information on alternative and renewable energy with a focus on the latest technologies, financing options and solar installation jobs and training. Concurrent sessions on these topics and more, plus a trade show are all part of the Go Solar Fest. The Go Solar Fest begins with registration at 8 a.m. with the opening session starting at 9 a.m.   Brower, who will speak Friday, June 6, has a distinguished career in the renewable energy world  and has spoken at renewable energy events nationally and internationally. He was instrumental in crafting the first ever Energy Title (IX) in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002; played a direct role shaping biomass definitions and tax components in the Energy Policy Act of 2005; the Energy Infrastructure and Security Act of 2007; and the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. His extensive knowledge of biomass, energy crops, wind, geothermal, distributed generation, district heating and cooling, solar and biomass conversion to liquid fuels projects led him to recently be appointed to the United States Energy Security Council.   ACORE, a non-profit membership organization dedicated to building a secure and prosperous America with clean, renewable energy, convenes thought leadership forums and creates energy industry partnerships to communicate the economical, security and environmental benefits of renewable energy.   Dr. James Fenton, director of the University of Central Florida’s Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC), will serve as the keynote speaker on Saturday, June 7. FSEC is the convening authority for the Go Solar Florida Project and is responsible for establishing a protocol for accepting and approving structural and electronic design plans under this Department of Energy SunShot Initiative Rooftop Solar Challenge project.   At FSEC, Fenton leads a staff of 140 in the research and development of energy technologies that enhance Florida's and the nation's economy and environment and educate the public, students and practitioners on the results of the research. Prior to joining FSEC, Fenton spent 20 years as a chemical engineering professor at the University of Connecticut. His extensive experience in fuel cells, pollution prevention and sustainable energy research activities has helped expand FSEC’s nationally acclaimed research and education programs in hydrogen, alternative fuels, solar energy and buildings energy efficiency. He has authored more than a hundred scientific publications and a number of book chapters. He also holds three patents and was recently elected as Fellow of The Electrochemical Society and appointed as a member of the Florida Governor’s Action on Energy and Climate Change.   Florida Power and Light is the official energy provider of the Go Solar Renewable Energy Fest. For more information on attending, exhibiting or sponsoring, visit [gosolarflorida.org](https://browardauthor/GoGreen/GoSOLAR/Fest2014/Pages/Default.aspx). |
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