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New Energy Events, hosts of the **Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum (CREF)**, are excited to announce the seven recipients of its **6th annual CREF Industry Awards**. The Awards - which recognize outstanding achievement in the Caribbean's transition to a clean energy future - were celebrated on stage during the 16th annual CREF in Miami.

The Awards Advisory Committee congratulates the recipients of the annual CREF Industry Awards:

- **Outstanding Achievement Award:** Earl Barrett, General Manager, Wigton Windfarm
- **Best Microgrid Project:** Exuma Cay Microgrid, Solar Island Energy | Bahamas Energy and Solar Supplies
- **Best Financing:** AES Warehouse Facility for Renewable Energy Projects, AES | IDB Invest, Bladex, JP Morgan and Scotiabank
- **Best Utility Scale Project:** Parque Fotovoltaico Cotoperi Solar
- **Best Energy Resilience Project:** Provo Water Company Middle Booster Pump Station Smart Solar LTD, Turks and Caicos
- **Best Distributed Generation Project or Program:** Strengthening Energy Sector Resilience in Jamaica, JERA | Cadmus | USAID
- **Best E-Mobility Project:** Bus Electrification Project, Phase II | Bermuda Ministry of Transport

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Award recipients were selected by an industry-leading Advisory Committee comprising Charlin Bodley, Associate Director for the Energy Innovation Portfolio at the Bezos Earth Fund; Gillian Charles-Gollop, Executive Director, Corporate Banking & Sustainable Finance, CIBC Caribbean; Devon Gardner, Head of Technical Programmes at the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE); and David Gumbs, Director, Islands Energy Program, Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI).

David Gumbs comments: "The palpable energy and excitement at this year's awards ceremony underscored the remarkable creativity and scale of the projects, both large and small. This event truly showcased how far we have come along the renewable energy transition pathway."

Gillian Charles-Gollop adds: "The organizers, sponsors, and speakers of the 16th Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum (CREF) once again delivered an insightful and thought-provoking event. The CREF Industry Awards are a highlight, celebrating the developers, countries, and projects that drive positive change in the Caribbean energy transition. Whether it's a small-scale or utility project, these awards provide an opportunity to recognize successes and encourage momentum toward a sustainable future."

About New Energy Events

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About the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum

The Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum (CREF) is the largest gathering of the regional energy market on the annual calendar: 25+ Caribbean nations represented by their governments, utilities, and/or regulators; 500+ attendees; 40+ countries represented. For more information, visit the event website at <http://newenergyevents.com/cref/>.





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