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FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER LAUREN "BUBBA" MCDONALD

Solar Foundation Honors McDonald with 2014 Individual Achievement Award

ATLANTA, June 27, 2014 – The Solar Foundation has awarded Georgia Public Service Commissioner Lauren "Bubba" McDonald its 2014 Individual Achievement Award because of his efforts to promote solar energy in Georgia. The Foundation presented the award during its recent Summer Solstice event in Washington, D.C.

"I am honored to receive this award," said McDonald. "As we continue to move forward with solar energy in Georgia, I will work to ensure that it is done responsibly and without ratepayers' subsidies."

The Solar Foundation is a Washington, D.C. based national center for solar energy research and education. In recent years, the centerpiece of these efforts has been the National Solar Jobs Census, which provided the first credible jobs baseline for the U.S. solar industry. Among other projects, the Solar Foundation is also a key member of the Department of Energy's SunShow Solar Outreach Partnership, delivering customized solar educational materials and workshops to communities throughout the country,

Commissioner McDonald is in the sixth year of his term on the Commission. He was elected in 2008. His full biography can be found at http://www.psc.state.ga.us/content.aspx?c=/commissioners/lauren-mcdonald-jr/?tab=2.

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