

**Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP**  
**Non-Intermittent Resource Solicitation**  
**Questions and Answers**

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**Q051209-1.** Is a bidder precluded from bidding a project into the RFP if they have not submitted a "Notice of Intent to Bid" form for that project?

**A.** The RFP made submittal of a Notice of Intent to Bid mandatory. This was done because the bid evaluation team only has two months to evaluate bids and wanted to have an idea of the resources that might be bid so that the team would be better prepared to analyze proposals. Because BHCE is seeking the least cost resource alternatives to serve customers, we will not disallow a bid because the bidder failed to submit a Notice of Intent to Bid by the May 1, 2009 deadline. However, BHCE strongly encourages all bidders who have not yet submitted a Notice of Intent to Bid to do so as soon as possible to assist the bid evaluation team in preparing for bid analysis.