

# WESTERN WIND INTEGRATION STUDY KICK-OFF STAKEHOLDER MEETING

MAY 23, 2007 FROM 10AM TO 3 PM

NATIONAL WIND TECHNOLOGY CENTER, BOULDER, CO

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) invites you to a kick-off stakeholder meeting for the **Western Wind Integration Study** at the National Wind Technology Center, 18200 State Highway 128, Boulder, CO, on May 23, 2007 from 10am to 3pm.

The Western Wind Integration Study is a regional wind integration study that will examine the cost of operating impacts from the variability and uncertainty of wind power on the grid for major control areas in Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. Wind resources from the southwest and Rocky Mountain regions will be considered along with examination of long-distance transmission of wind. We invite stakeholder input into scoping the study and defining scenarios so that the results will be useful for utilities, transmission planners and wind developers.

During this meeting, NREL will provide an overview of the study and proposed scope. GE, who will be conducting the analysis and simulations, will present their methodologies and results from similar studies that they have completed for NY and CA. Input will be solicited from stakeholders to feed into selection of scenarios and analyses for the study. This study is anticipated to be completed within two years.

The meeting will be held at the National Wind Technology Center which is 45 minutes from the Denver airport. This is *not* the main NREL campus in Golden. Please pre-register with Debra Lew at [debra\\_lew@nrel.gov](mailto:debra_lew@nrel.gov) or 303-384-7037 as security will need to check you in at the front gate. Directions are at the following link (please click on National Wind Technology Center as destination):

[http://www.nrel.gov/visiting\\_nrel/directions\\_maps.html](http://www.nrel.gov/visiting_nrel/directions_maps.html)

Lunch will be provided. We can also provide a call-in number if you wish to participate by phone.