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Business Opportunity Workshops Scheduled for the Southern Delivery System Project:

Colorado Springs Utilities will host a series of workshops for contractors and businesses interested in work related to the Southern Delivery System (SDS) project. Workshops will be held in El Paso, Pueblo and Fremont Counties.

“We’re excited to be nearing the beginning of construction,” said John Fredell, SDS Project Director. “These workshops will give local contractors and businesses a chance to talk with project staff and learn more about the schedule and the types of goods and services needed for the project.”

An opening presentation will provide general project information, including the project’s major components and construction schedule. The remaining time will provide participants the opportunity to network and interact with the SDS project team. Staff will also demonstrate how to register on Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing – the online system used to advertise opportunities to do business with Colorado Springs Utilities.

Workshops are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

El Paso County

Thursday, May 6, 2010 – 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Location: Leon Young Service Center, 1521 Hancock Expressway, Pikes Peak Room

Pueblo County

Monday, May 10, 2010 – 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Location: El Pueblo History Museum, 301 N. Union Ave.

Fremont County:

Thursday, May 13, 2010 – 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Pueblo Community College, Fremont Campus - 51320 W. Hwy 50

Construction work on Phase 1 of SDS will begin this year and continue through 2016, adding jobs and infusing capital into local economies. Phase 1 construction costs are estimated at \$550 million, including about \$160 million for labor. An average of 380 workers is anticipated to work on the project between 2010-2016, with a peak employment of 700 workers in 2014.

For more information on the Southern Delivery System, visit www.sdswater.org.