

FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities' Competitive Bidding Process Auction: Information Session for Prospective Bidders on Wednesday, August 21, 2024

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BOSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 21, 2024-- <u>CRA International, Inc.</u> (NASDAQ: CRAI), a worldwide leader in providing <u>economic, financial, and</u> management consulting services, today announced that an auction process will be conducted for FirstEnergy Corp.'s (NYSE: FE) Ohio subsidiaries – Ohio Edison, The Illuminating Company and Toledo Edison – to procure full requirements service for their Standard Service Offer customers. The auction process will lead up to the auction scheduled for October 1, 2024.*

The bidding process will use a descending-price clock auction format. The auction will be managed by the Auction Manager, CRA International, Inc. and will be conducted pursuant to approval from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

The Information Session for prospective bidders for the October auction is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2024. Instructions on how to join the Zoom session are available on the Auction Information Website at <u>firstenergycbp.com</u>. Part 1 Applications from prospective bidders will be accepted starting August 22, 2024, and are due no later than September 3, 2024. For successful Part 1 applicants, the submission window for the Part 2 Application process will begin on September 9, 2024.

Additional information about the auction process can be found at the Information Website at firstenergycbp.com.

*Auction date subject to PUCO approval.

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