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**FirstEnergy's Pennsylvania Default Service Program DSP-IV Auction:
Information Session for Prospective Bidders on Thursday, August 31, 2017**

BOSTON (BUSINESS WIRE) — August 7, 2017 — [CRA International, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: CRAI), a worldwide leader in providing [economic, financial, and management consulting services](#), today announced that an auction process will be conducted for FirstEnergy Corp.'s (NYSE: FE) Pennsylvania utilities — Metropolitan Edison Company (“Met-Ed”), Pennsylvania Electric Company (“Penelec”), Pennsylvania Power Company (“Penn Power”) and West Penn Power Company (“West Penn Power”) — to procure full requirements Default Supply generation service for their Default Service Customers. The auction process will lead up to the auction scheduled for October 30, 2017.

The bidding process will use a descending-price clock auction format. The auction will be managed by Independent Evaluator and Auction Manager CRA International, Inc. The auction is being conducted pursuant to FirstEnergy's Pennsylvania Default Service Program (DSP-IV) as approved by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. This is the next auction in the series of DSP-IV auctions that began in October 2016.

The Information Session for prospective bidders for the October auction is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2017. Instructions on how to join the Webcast session are available on the Information Website at <http://www.fepaauction.com/Documents/BidderInformationSessions.aspx>.

Part 1 Applications from prospective bidders will be accepted starting September 6 and are due no later than September 25. For successful Part 1 applicants, the submission window for the Part 2 Application process will be October 2 through October 17.

The products each of the four Companies is procuring in the October DSP-IV Commercial / Residential (Fixed Price) auction include: 12-month residential class (delivery period June 2018 through May 2019), 3-month commercial class (delivery period December 2017 through February 2018) and 12-month commercial class (delivery period June 2018 through May 2019).

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

About CRA International, Inc. and its Auctions & Competitive Bidding Practice

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