**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

**DUE 12 PM (NOON) ON March 31, 2023**

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“PUCO” or “Commission”) issued an Opinion and Order in Case No. 16-247-EL-UNC regarding the implementation of Sections 4928.54 and 4928.544 of the Revised Code on March 2, 2016 (“PIPP Order”). The Commission in its PIPP Order requires AEP Ohio to issue a request for proposals (“RFP”) to be held on an annual basis to select suppliers to serve the load of PIPP customers.

The Expression of Interest Form requires that you confirm your non-binding interest to bid, that you agree to all rules and conditions associated with the RFP auction as provided in the PIPP Rules, that you provide necessary contact information, and that you provide evidence that you are certified as a CRES provider by the Commission and registered in AEP Ohio’s territory. Before completing the Expression of Interest Form, please review the PIPP Rules and the PIPP Agreement so that you understand the conditions under which the RFP auction will be conducted. Terms not explicitly defined in the Expression of Interest Form are defined in the PIPP Rules or the PIPP Agreement. These documents are posted to the PIPP RFP page of the CBP website, [www.AEPOhioCBP.com](https://aepohiocbp.com/), as they become available.

This Expression of Interest Form is a required part of the Qualification Materials and Proposal for the bidder to be qualified and for the bidder to be able to continue in the proposal submission process. No late Expressions of Interest will be accepted under any circumstances.

The Auction Manager and AEP Ohio will endeavor, using commercially diligent efforts, to notify bidders of any deficiencies in their Qualification Materials, including this Expression of Interest Form, no later than twenty-four hours before the Cure Deficiency Deadline for Qualifications. If such notification is provided to you, you must respond by the Cure Deficiency Deadline for Qualifications for the bidder to be qualified and for the bidder to be able to continue in the proposal submission process.

*Name of Bidder*

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## Expression of Interest

**Please check the box to confirm your interest in bidding in the auction under the PIPP RFP.**

The bidder confirms its interest, on a non-binding basis, to bid in the upcoming auction under the PIPP RFP. The bidder agrees to all rules and conditions associated with the auction process as provided in the PIPP Rules. The bidder agrees that it will hold AEP Ohio and the Auction Manager harmless of and from all damages and costs, including but not limited to legal costs, in connection with all claims, expenses, losses, proceedings or investigations that arise in connection with the auction process or the award of a bid pursuant to the auction process under the PIPP RFP.

## Contact Information

*First Item*: **Company** Information

*Name of Bidder (company name)*

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*Street Address*

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*City State Zip Code*

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*Second Item*: Main **Representative** Information

The Representative is the main person of contact for the bidder. **Please provide all contact information below.** By providing this information, you confirm that the Representative is authorized to act on behalf of the bidder.

*Given Name(s) Last Name*

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*Telephone No. Cell Phone No. Email Address*

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*Third Item*: Additional **Representatives** Information

You may name up to three Additional Representatives by providing the contact information below. **By providing this information, you confirm that each Additional Representative is authorized to act on behalf of the bidder.**

Additional Representative #1

*Given Name(s) Last Name*

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*Title*

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*Telephone No. Cell Phone No. Email Address*

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Additional Representative #2

*Given Name(s) Last Name*

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*Title*

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*Telephone No. Cell Phone No. Email Address*

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Additional Representative #3

*Given Name(s) Last Name*

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*Title*

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*Telephone No. Cell Phone No. Email Address*

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*Fourth Item*: **Legal Representative in Ohio** Information

The legal representative in Ohio is authorized to accept service of process on behalf of the bidder. The legal representative may be legal counsel or a representative agent. The legal representative must have an address in Ohio. **Please provide information regarding the bidder’s legal representative below.**

*Given Name(s) Last Name*

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*Company Name*

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*City State Zip Code*

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*Telephone No. Fax No. or Email Address*

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*Fifth Item*: **Officer of the Bidder** Information

**Please name an individual below who is authorized to execute contracts and bind the bidder.** The named individual must be the individual who will execute the PIPP Agreement and the Confirmation should the bidder be a Winning Bidder.

*Given Name(s) Last Name*

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*Title*

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## 3. CRES Provider Status

*First Item*: **Documentation** of CRES provider status

To participate in the auction under the PIPP RFP, a bidder must (1) provide evidence of its certification as a CRES provider registered in AEP Ohio’s territory and (2) show that such certification remains valid until July 31, 2023 or that the bidder will undertake to renew such certification so as to maintain its status as a CRES provider continuously during the term of the PIPP Agreement.

**Please provide the docket number of your application to be certified as a CRES provider with the Commission:**

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**Please provide the expiration date of the Commission’s approval:**

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*Second Item*: **Certification** of Good Standing and Continuing CRES provider Status

**The Officer of the Bidder or a Representative named above must sign the following certification. The signed Expression of Interest must be submitted via electronic means to** [**PIPP-RFP@nera.com**](mailto:PIPP-RFP@nera.com) **and completed as follows:**

* **Printed, signed, scanned, and transmitted to the Auction Manager; or**
* **Completed with a digital signature, using commercially available software such as DocuSign, accompanied by a document or information verifying the identity of the signatory; or**
* **Completed with an electronic signature. In this case, either: (i) the Expression of Interest must be sent via email to the Auction Manager by the signatory; or (ii) the Expression of Interest must be accompanied by a verbal confirmation of the identity of the signatory provided by the signatory via phone to the Auction Manager.**

I certify that:

* The bidder is a CRES provider in good standing. The bidder’s certification as a CRES provider registered in AEP Ohio’s territory has not been revoked or suspended. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the bidder is not under any investigation that could lead to the revocation or suspension of the bidder’s certification as a CRES provider from now until the end of the supply period.
* Should the bidder become the Winning Bidder, the bidder undertakes to maintain its certification as a CRES provider registered in AEP Ohio’s territory during the entire supply period.
* The bidder is and will remain in compliance with all undertakings under any agreements it has signed in connection with being a CRES provider registered in AEP Ohio’s territory.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\* The Officer of the Bidder or a Representative must be named above in the Expression of Interest Form

Name *(print)*:

Title *(print)*:

Date Signed:

Phone Number\*:

*\*The phone number of the signatory must be provided if an electronic signature is used for the Binding Bid Agreement and the signatory is not the individual providing the Bid Proposal Form to the Auction Manager.*

***End of Expression of Interest***