

# **Bidder Information Session December 10, 2025**

## **Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s Competitive Bidding Process for SSO Supply Procurement**

**Auction Date: February 3, 2026  
Delivery Period: June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2028**



# Introduction

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## Welcome to this bidder information session for Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s Competitive Bidding Process (CBP)

- Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. ("Duke Energy Ohio") is a subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation serving approximately 700,000 electricity customers in southwest Ohio
- The CBP is designed to procure full requirements service for SSO Customers of Duke Energy Ohio ("Standard Service Offer Load" or "SSO Load")
  - Load not being served by a Competitive Retail Electric Service ("CRES") Supplier
  - Excludes Percentage of Income Payment Plan ("PIPP") Customers
  - Excludes the interruptible portion of a Demand Response customer's load when either PJM or Duke Energy Ohio calls for an interruption
  - Winning bidders will assume all responsibilities of a PJM Load Serving Entity ("LSE"), with the exception of procurement to meet any applicable state renewable energy requirements
- Auction date is February 3, 2026 (subject to PUCO approval)
- Delivery period is June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2028
- Presentation is being made by representatives from CRA International, the independent Auction Manager
- This presentation will be posted to the Auction Information Website

# Introduction

## Questions

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**We will be collecting questions during the presentation.**

**Please send all questions via email to [Duke-EnergyAuctionManager@crai.com](mailto:Duke-EnergyAuctionManager@crai.com).**

**Questions will be answered in the order received and only after the prepared presentation.**

# Introduction

## Background and Disclaimer

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On April 1, 2024, Duke Energy Ohio filed an application with the PUCO for approval of its fifth Electric Security Plan (ESP V), covering the period June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2028. The application proposed continuation of the auction-based Standard Service Offer procurement process, with modifications including use of a capacity proxy price with a later true-up and use of one- and two-year products. On November 27, 2024, Duke and a broad coalition of intervenors filed a stipulation and recommendation resolving all outstanding issues. Hearings were held January 22–23, 2025, and on May 14, 2025 the Commission adopted the stipulation, approving ESP V and authorizing Duke to continue its auction-based procurement process for the term of the plan.

# Overview

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# Communications

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**The central source of information is the Auction Information Website:**  
**[www.Duke-EnergyOhioCBP.com](http://www.Duke-EnergyOhioCBP.com) or [www.duke-energyohiocbp.com](http://www.duke-energyohiocbp.com)**

- Documents – CBP participation documents, load data, etc.
- Calendar
- Results – from previous CBP auctions
- News
- FAQ
- Ask – submit a question
- About – links to background information
- Registration – register to receive future notifications

## **Communications Protocols (available on Information Website)**

- Promote a fair, open, transparent, objective, and non-discriminatory CBP
- Auction Manager is the communication point for prospective bidders
- Information is distributed and disseminated equally and fairly to all prospective bidders

# Product Overview

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**Full requirements service for SSO Customers of Duke Energy Ohio excludes load being served by a CRES Supplier and the interruptible portion of a Demand Response customer's load when either PJM or Duke Energy Ohio calls for an interruption.**

**SSO load no longer includes load associated with PIPP customers.**

**Full requirements service for SSO Customers of Duke Energy Ohio includes:**

- Energy
- Capacity
- Market-based transmission services
- Market-based transmission ancillaries
- Any other LSE service or other service as may be required by PJM to serve the SSO Load of Duke Energy Ohio except those listed in Section 3.1 of the Master SSO Supply Agreement

**Winning bidders will be responsible at their sole cost and expense for:**

- Any changes in PJM products and pricing during the contract term
- Any congestion costs incurred to supply their SSO share
- Remaining a member in good standing of PJM

# Product Overview

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**Each SSO Supplier shall be responsible and liable to PJM for the performance of its LSE obligations associated with the provisions of SSO Supply**

**SSO Suppliers will be obligated under the Master SSO Supply Agreement to**

- Deliver full requirements service of the slice of system of Duke Energy Ohio for purposes of meeting SSO Load
- Assume specified LSE obligations for purposes of PJM settlement

**SSO Suppliers will not be obligated to provide**

- Distribution services
- Applicable state renewable energy requirements

**SSO Load will be divided into identical units called tranches**

- Each tranche represents one percent (1%) of the actual hourly energy required for SSO Load for the applicable Delivery Period as well as one percent (1%) of the PJM capacity requirement for the applicable Delivery Period
- Intent is to procure 50 tranches during the February 2026 auction



# Product Overview

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Table below shows the tentative, nominal MW quantity associated with the energy obligation for each tranche based on historical data. The February auction will offer 50 total tranches: 30 tranches for a 12-month product and 20 tranches for a 24-month product.

Number of Tranches Per Delivery Period	Size of Tranche (%)	Energy Obligation	
		Peak Load Contribution (MW)	MW-Measure of Tranche
12-month: 30	1%	824	8.24
24-month: 20	1%	824	8.24

The energy obligation quantity is not necessarily indicative of the actual energy quantity to be delivered for each tranche because the amount of actual SSO Load during the Delivery Period will depend upon many factors, including but not limited to customer migration to CRES Suppliers and weather conditions.

Bidders are responsible for evaluating the uncertainty associated with supplying a wholesale energy tranche which could vary each hour from the nominal 8.24 MW of maximum hourly energy for the delivery period shown in the table.

These values are provided for reference purposes only and may be updated prior to the auction as explained in the Bidding Rules.

## February 2026 ESP Procurement Schedule

**Products are differentiated by the delivery term associated with each supply contract. In the February 2026 procurement, there will be two products: a 12-month term contract, and a 24-month term contract.**

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**Auction dates and the results of the auctions are subject to PUCO approval.**

# Product Overview

## Minimum and Maximum Starting Prices

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**Prior to the auction, the Auction Manager will announce a minimum and maximum starting price range for each auctioned product**

- As part of the application process, each Qualified Bidder submits two indicative offers based on the minimum and maximum starting prices which will be used to determine the Bidder's initial eligibility in the auction

**The Auction Manager may determine that due to extraordinary events, the minimum or maximum starting prices require revision**

- If indicative offers have already been received, the Auction Manager will request that the Registered Bidders (or the Qualified Bidders if the Part 2 Application process has not been completed) modify their indicative offers on the basis of the revised minimum starting price and the revised maximum starting price
- Such an event also may require a revision to the schedule for the CBP auction

**No later than three (3) business days before bidding starts, the Auction Manager will inform Registered Bidders of the starting price for round 1**

# Qualification Process

## Overview

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### **Part 1 Application: Prospective Bidders apply to become Qualified Bidders**

- Start Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025
- Due Date: Monday, January 5, 2026, at 12:00 noon ET

### **Part 2 Application: Each Qualified Bidder provides certifications, its indicative offers, and pre-bid security in order to become a Registered Bidder**

- Start Date: Friday, January 9, 2026
- Due Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 12:00 noon ET

**Only Registered Bidders can participate in the bidding**

**NOTE: Prospective bidders will be able to fill out, submit, and upload their supporting documentation for the Part 1 and Part 2 Applications electronically through the secure Online Application Website**

# Qualification Process

**Part 1 Application – Due Monday, January 5, 2026, at 12:00 noon ET**

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**Submit an application from a person with the power to bind the bidder and agree to:**

- Comply with all rules of the auction
- Execute the Master SSO Supply Agreement with Duke Energy Ohio, should they become winning bidders

**Show that they either satisfy the three requirements below, or have no existing impediments to satisfying all the requirements by the start of the supply period**

- Transmission Customer of PJM and have executed the applicable PJM Agreements
- Have PJM E-Accounts necessary to provide SSO Supply
- PJM Market Participant and a Load Serving Entity in PJM

**Agree that if they become winning bidders, they will comply with the creditworthiness requirements set forth in the Master SSO Supply Agreement**

**Certify that if they qualify to participate, they will not:**

- Disclose information regarding the list of Qualified Bidders
- Disclose confidential information about Qualified Bidders obtained during the bidding process
- Substitute another entity in their place
- Transfer their rights to another entity
- Otherwise assign their status as Qualified Bidders to another entity

# Qualification Process

## Part 1 Application (continued)

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**A prospective bidder that has qualified during the Part 1 Application process becomes a Qualified Bidder**

**Auction Manager will send a list of all Qualified Bidders to relevant parties that have undertaken to maintain the confidentiality of the list of Qualified Bidders – relevant parties that will receive this list of Qualified Bidders are:**

- Each Qualified Bidder
- Other parties as necessary to oversee the proper conduct of the auction, including representatives from Duke Energy Ohio, PUCO, and the advisor that PUCO staff has retained for this purpose

**All parties receiving a list of Qualified Bidders will be subject to the confidentiality requirements as specified in the Bidding Rules and in the Communications Protocols**

**Part 1 Applicants must also submit financial information and may choose to submit Draft Pre-Bid Letter of Credit, Draft Letter of Intent, and/or Draft Letter of Reference (described later)**

**Prospective bidders will be notified by the Auction Manager no later than three (3) business days after the Part 1 Application Due Date whether they succeeded in becoming a Qualified Bidder**

# Qualification Process

## Part 1 Application (continued)

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### Two types of participants:

- Previously Qualified Bidders – applicants who had a successful Part 1 Application leading up to the October 2025 CBP auction
- Other, new prospective bidders for the February 2026 CBP auction

### Applicants must submit a new Part 1 Application at least once per year to participate in Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s CBP auctions

- All new applicants that wish to participate in the February 2026 CBP auction must complete a new Part 1 Application
- Previously Qualified Bidders from the October 2025 CBP auction can re-use their Part 1 Application for the February 2026 CBP auction

**In order to get an Application Online Account, prospective bidders must fill out an Account Request Form and email it to [Duke-EnergyAuctionManager@crai.com](mailto:Duke-EnergyAuctionManager@crai.com)**

**Account Request Form is available on Information Website [www.duke-energyohiocbp.com](http://www.duke-energyohiocbp.com) on the Home page under “Forms”**

# Qualification Process

## Part 1 Application – Previously Qualified Bidders

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**On December 11, 2025, the Auction Manager will email your Authorized Representative with two attachments:**

- Account Request Form (see example on next slide) used for previous Part 1 Application – to confirm which persons are allowed to access the Online Account
- New form with 3 checkboxes for those with successful Part 1 Applications from the October 2025 auction:

☐ I will not participate in the February 2026 auction

☐ I, Applicant, may participate in the February 2026 auction but do not need to make changes to my Part 1 Application in effect for the October 2026 auction

☐ I, Applicant, may participate in the February 2026 auction but do need/want to make changes to my Part 1 Application in effect October 2026 auction (your online Application will be unlocked for editing)

(note that at least some previously Qualified Bidders likely will need to make changes to their Part 1 Application due to more recent quarterly financial data becoming available)

**To access your prior Part 1 Application, log in to your existing online account using the same Website address and login credentials as you used before – if forgotten, send an email to [Duke-EnergyAuctionManager@crai.com](mailto:Duke-EnergyAuctionManager@crai.com)**

**Decide whether you need/want to make changes**

**Proposed changes to credit documents – to be emailed to the Auction Manager – are not considered a change to your Part 1 Application itself (but are due by the Part 1 Application Due Date)**



# Qualification Process

## Part 1 Application – New Prospective Bidders

### Account Request Form:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s Competitive Bidding Process

**Account Request Form: Request for Part 1 and Part 2 Application Online Account**

With access to an Online Account for the Part 1 Application and Part 2 Application process, a prospective bidder will be able to submit and check the status of their Part 1 Application and Part 2 Application as well as upload supporting documentation.

To open an Online Account please fill in the following information:

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YYYY

Please provide the First Name, Last Name, and E-mail Address for every person that you request to be given access to your online Application. Each person listed below will receive a unique username and password combination that they will be able to use to login to the online application of the Company named above.

	<i><b>First Name</b></i>	<i><b>Last Name</b></i>	<i><b>E-mail Address</b></i>
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\*\*\*Please email this form to the Auction Manager at [Duke-EnergyAuctionManager@crai.com](mailto:Duke-EnergyAuctionManager@crai.com)

# Qualification Process

Part 2 Application – Due Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 12:00 noon ET

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**Qualified Bidders from the Part 1 Application process submit a Part 2 Application to become Registered Bidders**

**Part 2 Applications can be submitted online**

- The Part 2 Application process opens on Friday, January 9, 2026
- Due Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026, 12:00 noon ET

**In the Part 2 Application, each Qualified Bidder will make a number of certifications regarding associations to ensure that they are participating independently of other Qualified Bidders and to ensure the confidentiality of information regarding the auction**

**A Qualified Bidder is associated with another Qualified Bidder if the two bidders have ties that could allow them to act in concert or that could prevent them from competing actively against each other**

# Qualification Process

## Part 2 Application (continued)

**With its Part 2 Application, a Qualified Bidder will be required to submit an indicative offer – two (2) numbers of tranches for each product in the auction – and to post pre-bid security sufficient for this indicative offer.**

- First number is the number of tranches that the Qualified Bidder is willing to serve at the minimum starting price for each product in the auction
- Second number is the number of tranches that the Qualified Bidder is willing to serve at the maximum starting price for each product in the auction
- At each of the minimum and the maximum starting prices, the number of tranches indicated by the Qualified Bidder cannot exceed the Qualified Bidder's credit-based and/or load tranche caps (described later)

### **Bidder's initial eligibility**

- This is the maximum total number of tranches the Qualified Bidder can bid across all products in round 1 of the auction and may be subject to a load cap
- Determined by the number of tranches in the Qualified Bidder's indicative offer at the maximum starting prices
- Thus, the indicative offer at the maximum starting prices needs to state the maximum possible number of tranches that the bidder would be ready, willing, and able to serve

**Qualified Bidders will be notified by the Auction Manager no later than three (3) business days after the Part 2 Application Due Date whether they succeeded in becoming a Registered Bidder**

# Credit Provisions

## Required Credit and Financial Information

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### For bidder or bidder's Guarantor:

- **Financial statements** (most recently issued SEC Form 10-K, 10-Q, 8-K)
- **A statement of rulings or judgments** relating to financial status that have had a material impact on financial status
- **A debt rating** from at least one of the following rating agencies: S&P, Fitch, or Moody's (with supporting documentation) – tranche limits apply to potential participants that are not rated
- **Contact information** for the bidder's/Guarantor's credit representative to answer questions on the documentation provided

# Credit Provisions

## Credit-Based and Load Tranche Caps

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**These tranche caps limit the bidder's initial eligibility – i.e., maximum number of tranches the Qualified Bidder is allowed to bid on in round 1**

**Credit-Based tranche cap is based on the credit rating of the Qualified Bidder or its Guarantor – Qualified Bidder or Guarantor must:**

- Be rated by at least one of the following rating agencies: Standard & Poor's Rating Services ("S&P"), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch")
- For a Qualified Bidder not rated by any of the rating agencies, the credit-based tranche cap is 45% of the tranches offered in the auction

**Load cap will be 80 percent of the tranches offered in the auction**

- Load cap = 40 tranches (tranche target = 50 tranches) for the auction in February
- No bidder may bid on and win more tranches than the load cap
- The load cap is enforced by ensuring that each bidder's initial eligibility does not exceed the load cap in an auction
- No two or more associated bidders may bid on and win more tranches than the load cap

# Credit Provisions

## Pre-Bid Security – 3 Options

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### 1) **Seek an unsecured line of credit by relying on bidder's own financial standing**

- Part 1: Submit a Draft Pre-Bid Letter of Credit (LOC) (optional)
- Part 2: Submit an executed Pre-Bid LOC or cash deposit (\$250,000/tranche)

### 2) **Seek an unsecured line of credit by relying on Guarantor's financial standing**

- Part 1: Submit a Draft Pre-Bid LOC and a Draft Letter of Intent to Provide a Guaranty (optional)
- Part 2: Submit an executed Pre-Bid LOC or cash deposit (\$250,000/tranche); and Submit a Letter of Intent to Provide a Guaranty (\$500,000/tranche)

### 3) **Not qualified or elect not to apply for an unsecured line of credit**

- Part 1: Submit a Draft Pre-Bid LOC and Draft Letter of Reference (optional)
- Part 2: Submit an executed Pre-Bid LOC or cash deposit (\$250,000/tranche); and Submit a Letter of Reference (\$500,000/tranche)

# Credit Provisions

## Master SSO Supply Agreement – Key Elements of Credit Provisions

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### **Security posted during the term of the SSO Delivery Period will depend upon a creditworthiness evaluation**

- Unsecured credit may be granted based on the bidder's (or its Guarantor's) Tangible Net Worth and credit rating (see Articles 5.4 and 5.6 of Master SSO Supply Agreement)
  - Duke Energy Ohio reserves the right to apply any unsecured credit limits across associated bidders in cases where multiple associated parties seek to participate as independent bidders
- Total Exposure Amount less any unsecured credit (Margin) must be met with cash or Letter of Credit (Appendix E of Master SSO Supply Agreement)
- Margin could be met with either cash or Letter of Credit

### **Independent Credit Requirement (ICR)**

- ICRT for the 12-month product is \$150,000/tranche
- ICRT for the 24-month product is \$325,000/tranche
- ICR declines over the term of the Master SSO Supply Agreement

### **Guaranty (Appendix D of Master SSO Supply Agreement)**

### **Letter of Credit (Appendix E of Master SSO Supply Agreement)**

# Information Website

[www.duke-energyohiocbp.com](http://www.duke-energyohiocbp.com)

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**Information Website for the CBP Process is [www.duke-energyohiocbp.com](http://www.duke-energyohiocbp.com)**

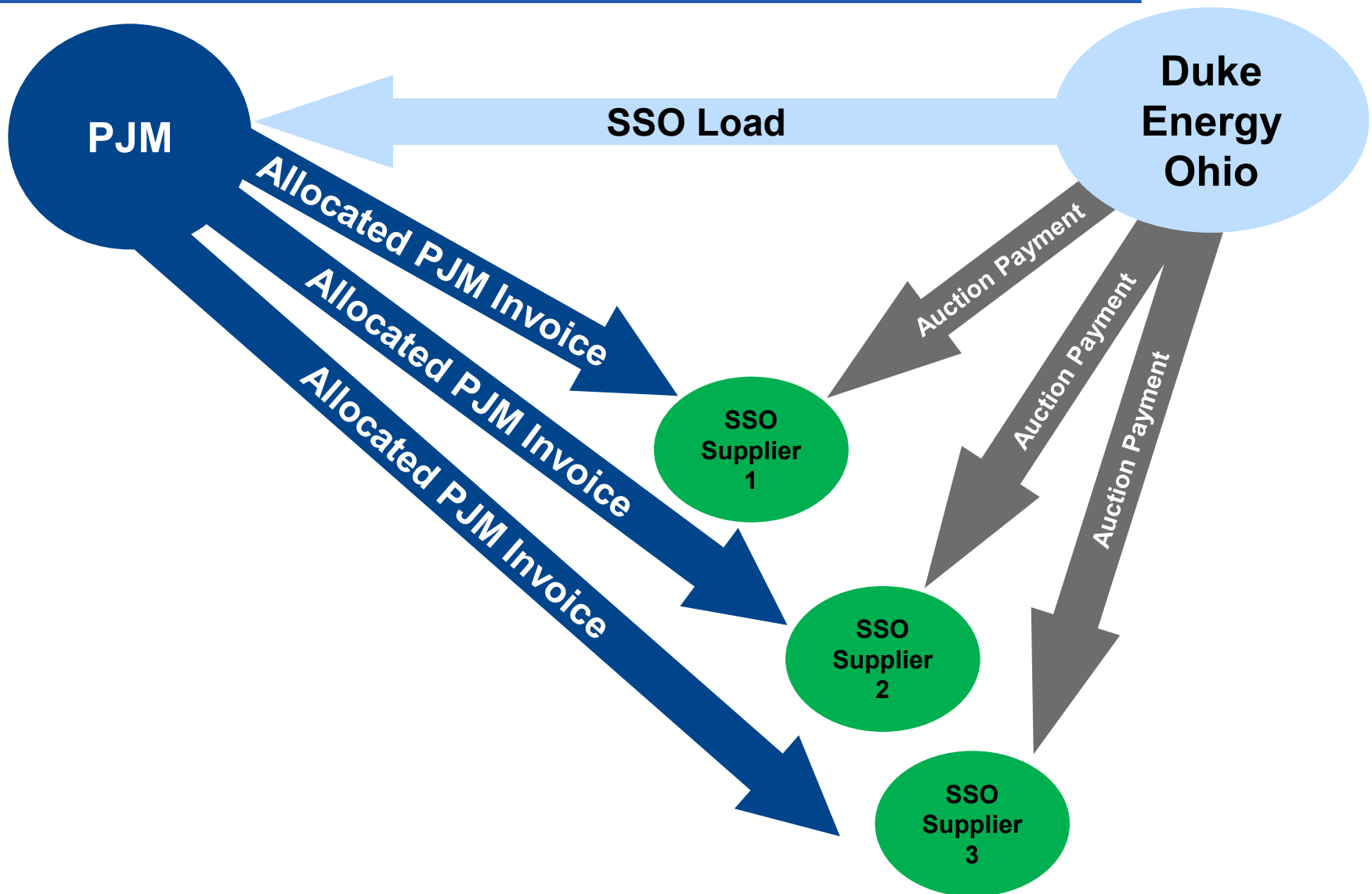
- Information about the CBP
- Download Supplier documents (Master SSO Supply Agreement, Bidding Rules, etc.)
- Download load and other data
- Auction calendar
- Results from prior Duke Energy Ohio CBP auctions
- News and announcements
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Register to receive updates
- Submit questions
- Information about Duke Energy Ohio, CRA International, PJM, and the ESP

## **Register on the Information Website**

- Register to receive information updates regarding CBP – provide name, company name, valid email address
- Once registered, prospective bidders can submit questions



# PJM Interaction



# Bidding Format

## Clock Format

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### Bidders bid using Auction Manager's Bidding Website

#### Multiple-round, multiple-product, descending-price clock format

- Each round has specified start and end times
- For each product, the price for the next round is announced (“announced price”) – price falls round to round
- Round opens and each bidder submits the number of tranches of each product it is willing to supply at the product's announced price
- Round closes
  - **If the total number of tranches bid > tranche target for any product**, then announced price for that product will be reduced for the next round by a price decrement (typically 0.5% to 5%)
  - **If the total number of tranches bid  $\leq$  tranche target for any product**, then the announced price for that product will remain unchanged for the next round
- Round results are reported prior to the start of next round

# Bidding Format

## Bidder's Eligibility

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### **Bidder's eligibility**

- This is the maximum number of tranches the bidder can bid in a round
- Bidder's eligibility for a round is the total number of tranches the bidder bid in the preceding round
- Thus, bidder's eligibility cannot increase during auction – only stays the same or declines

# Bidding Format

## Reservation Prices and Starting Prices

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### **There is a reservation price for each product**

- No tranche for a product will be procured at a price that is above the reservation price for the product
- Reservation prices will not be disclosed to bidders

### **Starting price for each product = announced price for round 1**

- Announced no later than three (3) business days before bidding starts
- No lower than the product's minimum starting price; no higher than the product's maximum starting price
- Starting price  $\geq$  reservation price

# Bidding Format

## Default Bid

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### Default bid for a bidder

- If bidder entered round with positive eligibility but fails to submit a confirmed bid in the round, then default bid will be submitted on behalf of the bidder
  - **Products for which the announced price decreased from the preceding round** – the default bid will equal zero (0) tranches
  - **Products for which the announced price did not decrease from the preceding round** – the default bid will equal the accepted number of tranches from the preceding round
- A bidder with zero (0) tranches across all products will not be able to submit any more bids in the auction

# Bidding Format

## Discretion to Reduce Tranche Targets

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### Discretion to reduce tranche targets (# tranches to procure)

- If there is insufficient supply bid for the tranches to ensure competitive bidding, Auction Manager may reduce the tranche targets
  - The criteria that could lead to such a reduction will be determined prior to the auction but will not be announced
  - Once certain pre-specified criteria related to excess supply and related to the reservation prices have been met, the discretion to reduce the tranche targets will be eliminated and there will be no reduction in the tranche targets
  - Use of this discretion would be more likely in the earlier rounds of the auction
- If the Auction Manager reduces the tranche targets for the auction, bidders will be informed of the revised tranche targets

# Bidding Format

## Subscription State = Measurement of Excess Supply

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**At the end of each round, a product is over-subscribed (excess supply > 0), subscribed (excess supply = 0), or under-subscribed (excess supply < 0)**

**Excess supply = # of tranches bid – tranche target**

- 1) If excess supply > 0:** Price for the product is reduced by a price decrement and the auction will continue with the next round
- 2) If excess supply = 0:** Price for the product will remain unchanged
  - Bidders who bid on the product will not be able to reduce their tranches bid on the product in the next round of the auction
- 3) If excess supply < 0 and no bidders reduced the number of tranches they bid on the product:** Price for the product will remain unchanged
  - Bidders who bid on the product will not be able to reduce their tranches bid on the product in the next round of the auction
- 4) If excess supply < 0 and one or more bidders reduced the number of tranches they bid on the product:** Consequences are the same as case #3, and also a rollback will be applied to the product

# Bidding Format

## Rollback

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**When there is excess supply for a product at the end of round R, the announced price will decline for the round R+1**

- In round R+1, bidders are free to reduce the tranches bid for the product either by switching tranches from the product to another product, and/or by reducing the total tranches bid across all products
- Products that were over-supplied in round R and that are under-supplied in round R+1 (excess supply < 0) are subject to a rollback following round R+1

**The rollback process following round R+1 retains sufficient number of tranches that were bid on the product in round R such that excess supply for the product following round R+1 equals zero**

- Tranches rolled back are selected at random from the tranches reduced or switched from round R to round R+1
- The price associated with rolled back tranches is the round R price (the price at which the tranches were bid) – i.e., a price higher than the round R+1 price
- Only tranches that were both bid on a product in round R and not bid on the product in round R+1 are subject to a possible rollback
- Even after a rollback, the total number of tranches accepted for a bidder across all products will be no greater than the total number of tranches the bidder bid in round R



# Bidding Format

## Illustrative Example

Illustrative Bidding in an Auction (single-product example)							
Round	Tranche Target	Announced Price (\$/MWh)	Number of Tranches Bid				
			BidderA	BidderB	BidderC	BidderD	Total
1	100	\$75.00	34	55	21	72	182
2	100	\$70.00	30	55	15	50	150
3	100	\$66.00	20	52	10	45	127
4	100	\$62.00	15	48	0	44	107
5	100	\$59.50	0	48	—	42	90

The auction will conclude after round 5 because excess supply for the product was no longer positive. In the round, only 90 tranches of supply were bid against 100 tranches being procured. Negative excess supply triggers a rollback of 10 tranches.

**BidderA** bid 15 tranches at \$62.00/MWh in round 4 and 0 tranches at \$59.50/MWh in round 5. Because BidderA reduced its bid, it is subject to a rollback of up to 10 tranches.

**BidderB** bid 48 tranches in rounds 4 and 5. Because BidderB did not reduce, it is not subject to a rollback. BidderB wins 48 tranches at the clearing price.

**BidderC** bid 0 tranches at \$62.00/MWh in round 4 and is not subject to any rollback.

**BidderD** bid 44 tranches at \$62.00/MWh in round 4 and 42 tranches at \$59.50/MWh in round 5. BidderD is subject to a rollback of up to 2 tranches.

Rollback Results				
		Tranches		
Round	Price (\$/MWh)	BidderA	BidderB	BidderD
4	\$62.00	15	48	44
5	\$59.50	0	48	42
Rollback	\$62.00	9	0	1
<b>Winning</b>	<b>\$62.00</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>
Clearing price for all 100 tranches won = \$62.00				

# Bidding Format

## Winning Tranches, Bidders, and Prices

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### **If Excess Supply = 0 for all products at end of a round**

- Winning tranches are the tranches bid in the last round of the auction
- Winning bidders are the bidders who bid those tranches
- Uniform pricing: Price to be paid for winning tranches for a product will be the highest price for any tranche in the product's bid stack

### **If Excess Supply $\leq 0$ for all products at the end of a round**

- There will be a rollback for all products with excess supply  $< 0$
- There will be no rollback for products with excess supply  $= 0$
- Uniform pricing: Price to be paid for winning tranches for a product will be the highest price for any tranche in the product's bid stack

### **Note: In all cases, a product's bid stack has at most two prices**

- If the bid stack has rolled-back tranches, then there are two prices in the bid stack – the most recent (i.e., lower) announced price and the next-most recent (i.e., higher) announced price
- If the bid stack does not have rolled-back tranches, then there is only one price in the bid stack – the most recent announced price

# Bidding Format

## Close of the Auction

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**Shortly after the last round of the auction, results are determined by the Auction Manager, then:**

- Auction Manager informs bidders through the Bidding Website if the reservation prices have been met or not
- Auction Manager provides to Duke Energy Ohio, the PUCO, and the PUCO advisor the identity of winning bidders, the number of tranches won by each winning bidder, and the prices for the tranches won
- Auction Manager notifies:
  - Each winning bidder of how many tranches the bidder has won and at what prices
  - Each unsuccessful bidder that the bidder has not won any tranches
- The PUCO will determine if there has been a violation of the CBP bidding rules in such a manner as to invalidate the auction based upon an assessment from CRA and the PUCO's advisor
- **Duke Energy Ohio and winning bidders will execute the Master SSO Supply Agreement**

# Bidding Format

## Contingency Plan

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### Contingency Plan (see Section 11 of the Bidding Rules)

- If fewer tranches than the tranche target are purchased in the auction
- If a winning bidder defaults prior to or during the SSO Delivery Period
  - Any unsubscribed tranches from the first auction in a year will be rolled over to the second auction in the year
  - If all tranches are not fully subscribed after all the auctions in any given year, the remaining tranches will be offered to current Duke Energy Ohio SSO Suppliers
    - These suppliers will have won tranches in the current or a prior Duke Energy Ohio CBP auction
  - An SSO Supplier will be considered a current SSO Supplier from the conclusion of the CBP auction in which such supplier won tranches until the termination of the prevailing Master SSO Supply Agreement
  - If, after the conclusion of the steps above used to assign unfilled tranches there still are unfilled tranches, then the necessary SSO supply requirements will be met through PJM-administered markets at prevailing Day-Ahead, Real-Time zonal spot prices

# Bidding Format

## Backup Bidding Procedures

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- Unforeseen technical difficulties may happen during an online auction
- Pursuant to the auction rules, if a technical difficulty occurs during the auction, depending on the circumstances the Auction Manager will:
  - Inform all the bidders as soon as possible, by phone and/or Auction Manager Message page on the Bidding Website
  - Accept bids over the phone through the Help Desk
- If a backup bid submitted by a bidder is not accepted and confirmed by the Bidding Website because the round has ended, a default bid will be entered for the bidder
- If a backup bid submitted by a bidder is not accepted and confirmed by the Bidding Website for other reasons the Auction Manager team will use reasonable efforts to inform the bidder that a new bid must be submitted

# Timeline for the Next CBP Auction

Activity	Date
Information Session	Wednesday, December 10, 2025
Part 1 Applications can be submitted	Thursday, December 11, 2025
CRA announces tranche target and tranche size (% and MW)	Thursday, December 11, 2025
Deadline to submit Part 1 Applications	Monday, January 5, 2026
CRA announces minimum and maximum starting prices	Friday, January 9, 2026
Part 2 Applications can be submitted	Friday, January 9, 2026
CRA announces any update to the tranche size (MW)	Thursday, January 15, 2026
Deadline to submit Part 2 Applications	Thursday, January 22, 2026
Bidder User Manuals Distributed	Tuesday, January 27, 2026
Mock Auction for Registered Bidders	Thursday, January 29, 2026
CRA announces starting price to Registered Bidders	Thursday, January 29, 2026
Auction for Registered Bidders	Tuesday, February 3, 2026
CRA notifies Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. and PUCO of results (tentative)	Tuesday, February 3, 2026
Master SSO Supply Agreements Signed (tentative)	Friday, February 6, 2026
Power Flow	Monday, June 1, 2026

# Q&As

Please do NOT identify yourself if you have a question

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## Following the prepared presentation

- Questions sent via email to [Duke-EnergyAuctionManage@crai.com](mailto:Duke-EnergyAuctionManage@crai.com) during the prepared presentation will be answered in the order received.

**Q&As raised during this bidder information session will be posted on the Auction Information Website**

**Thank you for your interest in the CBP**