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# **The Precisionists, Inc. launches neurodiversity employment program with FirstEnergy Corp.**

**Akron, OH. (November 16, 2021)** – [The Precisionists, Inc.](#) (TPI), a Wilmington, Delaware-based organization focused on employment for adults with disabilities is launching a neurodiversity employment program that will provide business support services as part of a pilot program at Akron-based electric utility FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE). The program will leverage the talents of a team of neurodiverse adults from TPI’s workforce to address critical needs for FirstEnergy’s business.

“When properly assessed and trained, people with autism and other neurodiversities are extremely high-performing employees. TPI’s employees bring innovative approaches to performing critical and challenging jobs such as administrative business and IT functions,” said Ernie Dianastasis, CEO of The Precisionists. “When you consider that more than 80% of autistic adults in the U.S. are either unemployed or underemployed, we are making a true difference in engaging a significant, untapped labor force. We are thrilled to partner with FirstEnergy, a leader in the energy industry and an employer committed to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion. This exciting partnership with FirstEnergy will continue to accelerate TPI’s growth and momentum in the Northeast Ohio and Central Ohio communities.”

Individuals taking part in the pilot program will be identified, assessed, trained and employed by The Precisionists. They will be performing a variety of support functions for FirstEnergy’s Transmission business, including data analysis, financial analysis, project controls, compliance, scanning and indexing, and data entry. The upcoming Transmission program builds on an existing pilot to provide geographic information system (GIS) support for FirstEnergy’s IT team.

While supporting FirstEnergy’s business functions, TPI consultants will also receive ongoing direction, training, and support from their TPI project leader.

“Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is a core value at FirstEnergy. It’s the foundation for everything we do so we can better serve our customers, improve operational performance and safety, and spark innovation,” said Carl Bridenbaugh, vice president of Transmission for FirstEnergy. “TPI’s goal of employing 10,000 people with diverse abilities over the next decade aligns with FirstEnergy’s commitment to providing a rewarding and inclusive work experience for all employees.”

Candidates interested in exploring employment opportunities as a part of this program should contact The Precisionists’ talent acquisition team by emailing inquiries to [careers@theprecisionists.com](mailto:careers@theprecisionists.com).

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### **About The Precisionists, Inc. (TPI)**

The Precisionists, Inc. (TPI), a Benefits Corporation, is a national company focused on providing industry best practices for delivering administrative and technology services by building teams, which include individuals with disabilities. This approach enables The Precisionists to meet each customer's specific needs and to deliver projects with the highest degree of productivity. The Precisionists is dedicated to creating jobs for individuals with disabilities in all the markets it serves. The Precisionists, Inc. is headquartered in Wilmington, DE. Learn more at [www.theprecisionists.com](http://www.theprecisionists.com). Connect with us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

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