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Velda E. Otey is managing director - Information Technology (IT) for American Electric Power (AEP) in Columbus, Ohio. She is responsible for development and support of application systems on behalf of AEP's Corporate and Shared Services organization.

Otey has more than 30 years of diversified information technology experience, including applications, strategic planning, architectural planning and IT human capital management. She joined AEP in 1977 as a planning analyst and has held a variety of positions with increasing responsibility. She was appointed to her present position in 2003

She holds a bachelor's degree in computer science from The Ohio State University (OSU) and a MBA from Xavier University. She has completed the AEP Management Development Program at The Ohio State University and the Darden Partnership Program at the University of Virginia. Otey became a Certified Systems Professional through the Association for Systems Management in 1985. She was elected a member of the Outstanding Young Women of America in 1978 and is listed in the International Executive Guild Registry. In 2002, she received the Technology All-Star Award presented by the National Women of Color. In June, 2004 she was the recipient of the Oak Award for her outstanding contributions to the Women's International Network of Utility Professionals-Ohio chapter (WINUP).

Otey is a member of WINUP-Ohio chapter (past chairperson), the Business Advisory Council of Central State University, the Edison Electric Institute's Information Systems Committee, and the IT Steering Committee for Career Academies sponsored by the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development Task Force. As a past facilitator/instructor for InRoads, she had devoted a significant amount of time introducing youth to and preparing them for the Information Technology profession (InRoads-an organization committed to the development of talented minority youth and placing them in business and industry settings in preparation for corporate and community leadership). Presently, Otey is a MBA coach for three Franklin University MBA candidates and is a member of the St. Stephens Community Center Board of Trustees.