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Washington Cap-and-Invest Program
Allowance Price Containment Reserve (APCR) Auction Notice

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APCR Auction of greenhouse gas allowances on November 8, 2023

APCR Auction Summary

This document is the official notification (APCR Auction Notice) for the November 8, 2023, APCR auction of greenhouse gas allowances from the Allowance Price Containment Reserve (APCR).

This APCR auction will be referred to as “APCR Auction #2 November 2023” or “APCR Auction #2” in the Compliance Instrument Tracking System Service (CITSS) and on the Auction Platform. APCR Auction #2 will offer allowances from the APCR for sale at a single, fixed-price tier.

Ecology holds APCR auctions when the settlement price in the preceding current auction is at or above the Tier 1 price for allowances in the APCR (\$51.90 for 2023). The settlement price for current allowances in Auction #3 August 2023 was \$63.03 per allowance, triggering APCR Auction #2.

APCR auctions follow similar procedures as quarterly auctions. There are no entity purchase limits and allowances won are deposited directly into entity compliance accounts, they cannot be transferred or sold on the secondary market. During the auction, bidders can submit bids for the number of allowance lots they wish to purchase at the Tier 1 price. Refer to the [APCR Examples](#) for a summary of the differences between APCR and quarterly auctions.

Date and Time of APCR Auction #2

APCR Auction #2 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, from 10:00 AM Pacific Time until 1:00 PM Pacific Time.

APCR Auction #2 will be conducted through Washington’s internet-based Auction Platform. The Auction Platform can be accessed at www.wci-auction.org.

Table 1: APCR Allowances Offered for Sale

Tier Prices	Number of APCR Allowances Offered
Tier 1 - \$51.90 per allowance	5,000,000
Tier 2 - \$66.68 per allowance	0

The total volume of allowances offered in this APCR auction is 5,000,000, all of which will be offered at the Tier 1 price of \$51.90. The method for determining supply for this APCR auction differs from the previous APCR auction. The November APCR auction frontloads the available APCR supply by offering 5 million allowances, all at the lower Tier 1 price. This is intended to put further downward pressure on compliance costs for covered entities.

APCR Auction Eligibility

Only covered entities and opt-in entities with approved and active General Holding and Compliance Accounts in CITSS are eligible to apply to participate in APCR auctions. General market participants may not participate in APCR auctions.

This means that Ecology must have approved your CITSS User Registration and Entity Account Application before you will be able to apply to participate in this APCR auction.

Instructions and guidance on how to obtain an active CITSS account are available on Ecology's [Auctions Trainings and Resources webpage](#).

Submitting an Auction Application

A registered entity must apply in CITSS to participate in each auction, including APCR auctions. The application window for each auction opens with the issuance of the public Auction Notice (this document), and auction applicants must submit applications at least 30 days before the auction date. CITSS can be accessed at <http://www.wci-citss.org>.

Information submitted in the auction application process includes the following:

- Name, contact information, and holding account number of the registered entity;
- Name and contact information for all designated account representatives and any consultant that provides advice related to the participant's bidding strategy, and the name of the consultant's employer;
- Information on the form of bid guarantee to be submitted and bid guarantee return instructions.

After entering the information listed above, auction applications are confirmed and submitted in CITSS.

Auction eligibility information also includes information submitted in the process of obtaining a CITSS account:

- Corporate identity, ownership, and capital structure of the applicant
- The existence of any direct or indirect corporate associations; and
- An allocation of the holding limit among the associated entities.

The table below presents the current schedule for activities associated with APCR Auction #2 (APCR Auction Schedule). Any changes to the APCR Auction Schedule will be communicated through an updated APCR Auction Notice and by email to the Primary Account Representative (PAR) and

Alternative Account Representatives (AARs) of Washington registered entities that have applied to an upcoming auction.

Table 2: APCR Auction Schedule

Activities	Due Date	Time (Pacific Time)
APCR Auction Notice released/ Auction application window opens (60 days before auction)	Friday, September 8, 2023	12:00 PM (Noon) PT
Deadline for entities intending to participate in the auction to submit entity information changes and disclosures* (40 days before auction)	Friday, September 29, 2023	8:59 PM PT
Auction application window closes (30 days before auction)	Monday, October 9, 2023	8:59 PM PT
All bid guarantees due to Financial Services Administrator (12 days before auction)	Friday, October 27, 2023	<i>No later than</i> 3:00 PM PT
Auction participants approved and PAR and AARs notified	Friday, November 3, 2023	<i>No later than</i> 3:00 PM PT
APCR Auction held	Wednesday, November 8, 2023	Bidding window open 10:00 AM PT – 1:00 PM PT
Auction certified; Results available to qualified bidders	Wednesday, November 15, 2023	12:00 PM (Noon) PT
Auction Summary Report released	Wednesday, November 15, 2023	12:00 PM (Noon) PT
Financial settlement in cash due to Financial Services Administrator	Wednesday, November 22, 2023	<i>No later than</i> 3:00 PM PT
Earliest date for bid guarantee expiration	Tuesday, December 5, 2023	
Transfer of allowances into CITSS Accounts	Wednesday, December 6, 2023	
Washington Auction Public Proceeds Report released	Wednesday, December 6, 2023	

*See [Detailed Auction Requirements and Instructions](#) for relevant changes and disclosures.

Procedures for Conducting the Auction

This auction will be conducted through the electronic, internet-based Auction Platform that bidders use to submit bids in a single-round, sealed-bid auction format.

Each participating entity must submit an APCR auction application in CITSS. Financial Services Delivery Instructions will be available from CITSS, and all final bid guarantees must be received by the Financial Services Administrator no later than the date and time listed in the auction schedule (above). A single bid guarantee must cover the value of bids placed at each tier. Ecology will approve or reject applications to participate in an auction at least two (2) business days before the scheduled auction date.

Procedures for conducting APCR auctions are described in Chapter 173-446-370 WAC. In addition to the *Detailed Auction Requirements* and *Auction Examples* document that describe quarterly auctions, APCR-specific guidance and examples are also available on the WCI Auction Platform, under FAQs & Resources.

Form and Manner for Submitting Bids

Auction participants will be able to submit bids manually in the Auction Platform during the bidding window. Bid quantities can only be submitted in multiples of 1,000 allowances, i.e. 1 bid lot equals 1,000 allowances. During the 3-hour bidding window, bidders may only bid on Tier 1 allowances. Bidders may submit multiple bids for lots at the Tier 1 price, but it is not necessary to do so. Submitting a single bid for the quantity of lots of allowances desired for purchase is acceptable.

The form and manner for submitting bids are described in further detail in the Detailed Auction Requirements document, with specific examples provided in the APCR Auction Examples document posted on the WCI Auction Platform.

Auction Participant Training Materials

Participant resources are available on the [Auctions Training and Resources webpage](#), including the Auction Participant Training presentation for Washington entities and Auction Examples. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Resources also available from the Auction Platform (wci-auction.org).

Contact Information

For further information about this APCR Auction Notice, please contact:

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