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Washington Cap-and-Invest Program
Allowance Price Containment Reserve Auction Notice #8

Issued on July 31, 2026

APCR Auction of greenhouse gas allowances on September 30, 2026

APCR Auction Summary

This document is the official notification (APCR Auction Notice) for the September 30, 2026, APCR auction of greenhouse gas allowances from the Allowance Price Containment Reserve.

This auction will be referred to as “APCR Auction #8 September 2026” or “APCR Auction #8” in the Compliance Instrument Tracking System Service (CITSS) and on the Auction Platform. APCR Auction #8 will offer allowances from the APCR for sale at a single, fixed-price tier.

Ecology holds separate APCR auctions each year before the annual compliance deadline. APCR auctions follow similar procedures as quarterly auctions. During the auction, bidders can submit bids for the number of lots of allowances they wish to purchase at the Tier 1 price. There are no entity purchase limits and allowances won are deposited directly into entity compliance accounts. Allowances won at APCR auctions cannot be transferred or sold on the secondary market. APCR allowances are valid for 2025 entity compliance obligations.

Date and Time of APCR Auction #8

APCR Auction #8 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. The bidding window will be open from 10:00 AM Pacific Time until 1:00 PM Pacific Time.

APCR Auction #8 will be conducted through Washington’s internet-based Auction Platform. The Auction Platform can be accessed at www.wci-auction.org.

Table 1. Allowances Offered for Sale

Tier Prices	Number of APCR Allowances Offered
Tier 1- \$65.26 per allowance	172,348
Tier 2- \$83.84	0

This APCR auction will offer 172,348 allowances, to be sold at the 2026 Tier 1 price. The APCR Auction supply is determined in accordance with the [APCR auction supply notice](#) issued on November 30, 2023. Any unsold allowances will carry-forward to be offered at future APCR auctions.

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 apply to or participate in APCR Auctions. 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. Auction applicants must submit information at least 30 days before the day of the auction. CITSS can be accessed at 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; and
- Information on the form of bid guarantee to be submitted and bid guarantee return instructions.

After entering 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 purchase limit and holding limit among the associated entities in a Corporate Association Group (CAG).

Submitting Bid Advisor Disclosure Form

Auction Applicants receiving bid advice services from a consultant or advisor should instruct their advisors to fill out and provide Ecology a complete Bid Advisor Form 15 calendar days before the day of an auction. WAC 173-446-315(3). If the auction applicant does not hire out these services, no action is needed.

If applicable, bid advisors can find the required form using the following [link](#).

Bid advisors are instructed to download (using the [Win Zip format](#)), fill out and email this form to RegistrarCCA@ecy.wa.gov.

Auction Schedule

Table 2 below presents the current schedule for activities associated with APCR Auction #8 (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. Auction Schedule

Activities	Due Date	Time
Auction Notice released/ Auction application window opens	Friday, July 31, 2026	12:00 PM (Noon) PT
Submit entity information changes and disclosures*	Friday, August 21, 2026	8:59 PM PT
Auction application window closes	Monday, August 31, 2026	8:59 PM PT
Submit Bid Advisor Disclosure forms	Tuesday, September 15, 2026	8:59 PM PT
All bid guarantees due to Financial Services Administration	Friday, September 18, 2026	<i>No later than</i> 3:00 PM PT
Auction participants approved and PAR and AARs notified	Friday, September 25, 2026	<i>No later than</i> 3:00 PM PT
Auction held	Wednesday, September 30, 2026	Bidding window open 10:00 AM PT – 1:00 PM PT**
Auction Summary Report released	Wednesday, October 7, 2026	12:00 PM (Noon) PT
Auction certified / Results available to qualified bidders	Wednesday, October 7, 2026	12:00 PM (Noon) PT
Financial settlement in cash due to Financial Services Administrator	Wednesday, October 14, 2026	<i>No later than</i> 3:00 PM PT
Earliest date for bid guarantee expiration	Monday, October 26, 2026	
Distribution of auction proceeds completed	Wednesday, October 28, 2026	
Transfer of allowances into CITSS Accounts	Wednesday, October 28, 2026	
Washington Auction Public Proceeds Report released	Wednesday, October 28, 2026	

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

****The bidding window is scheduled to be open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If there is a delayed start or an interruption in service during the first hour of the bidding window, Ecology will not extend the bidding window; it will still close at 1:00 p.m. If internal or external factors require an earlier closure of the bidding window, Ecology will reschedule the auction to a later date, in accordance with Chapter 173-446-310 WAC. If a substantial interruption of service occurs after the first hour of the scheduled bidding window, Ecology may choose to reschedule the auction to a later date, consistent with Chapter 173-446-310 WAC. In either case, all account representatives will be promptly notified by email of any changes or circumstances that cause a deviation from the dates and times described in this notice.**

Disclaimer

This Auction Notice is based on the requirements set forth in the Climate Commitment Act (CCA), Chapter 70A.65 RCW, and the CCA Program Rule, Chapter 173-446 WAC (collectively referred to as CCA Requirements). If there is any apparent conflict between this document and the CCA Requirements, the CCA Requirements shall control.

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 the bids placed. 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.

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 by 'lots' 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 allowances at the Tier 1 price. Bidders may submit multiple bids for lots at the Tier 1 price, but multiple bids are not necessary. Submitting a single bid for the number of lots desired for purchase at the Tier 1 price is acceptable. Bidders are not allowed to bid for more than the total supply of allowances offered at each tier. Bids for quantities of allowances greater than the offered supply will not be accepted by the auction platform.

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 are also available from the Auction Platform (wci-auction.org).

Contact Information

For further information about the information in this APCR auction notice, please contact:

Website: cca.wa.gov/auctions-and-trading

Email: RegistrarCCA@ecy.wa.gov

Ecology CCA Help Desk: 360-407-6296

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