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## \$3.8 Million Raised in Alcohol Permit Auction

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (Nov. 18)** – The Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission sold 279 alcohol permits for a total of \$3,842,900 Million at its annual auction today.

Today's successful bidders must still complete the permit application process, which requires approval by the county alcoholic beverage board and the ATC. At the county board, community members and neighbors of a proposed licensed establishment may speak for or against a permit being issued. The state's Alcohol and Tobacco Commission then must still approve the application.

Indiana law requires alcohol permits be issued based on population, with this year's auction including the recent U.S. Census data. As a result, nine out of 10 years have relatively few permits available at auction.

