
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 14D-9

**SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT
UNDER SECTION 14(d)(4) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

ACV Auctions Inc.
(Name of Subject Company)

ACV Auctions Inc.
(Name of Person Filing Statement)

Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

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(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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☒ Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

This Schedule 14D-9 filing consists of the following communications related to the proposed acquisition of ACV Auctions Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of September 10, 2026 (the “**Merger Agreement**”), among the Company, Copart, Inc., Delaware corporation (“**Parent**”), and Apple Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent.

- i. Letter to Employees, dated September 10, 2026.
- ii. Letter to Customers, dated September 10, 2026.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

The tender offer has not yet commenced. This document is for informational purposes only and is neither a recommendation, nor an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell any securities of ACV Auctions Inc. (“ACV”) or any other entity, nor is it a substitute for any tender offer materials that Copart, Inc. (“Copart”), Apple Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Copart (“Merger Sub”) or ACV will file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). A solicitation and an offer to buy securities of ACV will be made only pursuant to an offer to purchase and related materials that Copart and Merger Sub intend to file with the SEC. At the time the tender offer is commenced, Copart and Merger Sub will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, including an offer to purchase, a letter of transmittal and related documents, with the SEC, and ACV thereafter will file a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 with the SEC with respect to the tender offer.

SECURITYHOLDERS AND OTHER INVESTORS ARE URGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE TENDER OFFER MATERIALS (INCLUDING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE, A RELATED LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AND CERTAIN OTHER TENDER OFFER DOCUMENTS) AND THE SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE 14D-9 REGARDING THE OFFER, AS THEY MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT INVESTORS AND SECURITYHOLDERS SHOULD READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ANY DECISION IS MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE TENDER OFFER. The offer to purchase, the related letter of transmittal and certain other tender offer documents, as well as the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9, will be sent to all stockholders of ACV at no expense to them.

The Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 and other related documents will be made available for free at the SEC's website at <https://www.sec.gov/> and under the "Financial Resources—All SEC filings" section of Copart's investor relations website at <https://www.copart.com/content/us/en/investor-relations>. The Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 and other related documents that ACV has filed with or furnished to the SEC will be made available for free at the SEC's website at <https://www.sec.gov/> and under the "SEC Filings" section of ACV's investor relations website at <https://investors.acvauto.com>.

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number	Description
Exhibit 99.1	Letter to Employees, dated September 10, 2026.
Exhibit 99.2	Letter to Customers, dated September 10, 2026.

ACV – Copart Transaction Employee Letter

To: All Employees
 From: ACV CEO
 Subject: ACV to Combine with Copart

Team ACV,

I'm pleased to share that we have agreed to be acquired by Copart. This is an exciting step in our mission to build the most trusted, transparent, and efficient digital marketplace and data solutions for the automotive industry and will enable us to reach even greater heights.

When I first invested in ACV, well before it was a publicly traded company, I knew the company had the potential to transform our industry. Since then, we have successfully scaled our business with geographic and global expansion, new products, and new revenue streams to help our dealers and commercial partners solve the challenges that they have faced for generations.

We are proud of how far we've come. We also recognize there is more work to do to capture the significant opportunity in front of us. Copart's scale and resources will enable us to do so.

With Copart, we will be part of a company which today has 11,600 full- and part-time employees and a global footprint spanning more than 250 locations across 11 countries. Together, we will be able to offer an expanded suite of end-to-end services and solutions, including inventory management, pickup and towing, storage, yard operations, title processing, sale administration and payment/remittance, transportation, and shipping support and services for domestic and international buyers, among many others. Copart's substantial financial resources will enable us to accelerate the development and launch of new and existing key technology initiatives, including VIPER, ClearCar and ACV MAX, which we know are critical to our customers' success.

Copart is acquiring ACV because they recognize the power of our platform and technology and believe it can fuel Copart's growth momentum. By combining our technology capabilities and innovation engine with Copart's marketplace infrastructure, we will create a leader in the businesses in which each company competes. Copart knows that our team is the bedrock of our success, and like us, they are committed to providing employees with tools and support to succeed.

Importantly, today's announcement is only the first step in the process. We expect the transaction to close by the end of calendar year 2026, subject to a majority of ACV's shares being tendered into the offer associated with this agreement and customary regulatory approvals and closing conditions. Until then, ACV and Copart will remain separate companies and continue to operate independently. I ask that you stay focused on the important work in front of us and continue delivering for our dealers and commercial partners.

We will host a Company Call tomorrow at 11 AM EDT to discuss the acquisition. You should expect to receive an invite shortly. In the meantime, we have attached FAQs to address questions that may be top of mind.

I want to thank every member of the ACV team. Today's announcement would not have been possible without your hard work, creativity and belief in our mission. I'm incredibly confident in the path ahead and am excited for our future.

Best,

George

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ACV – Copart Transaction Customer Letter

Subject: ACV to Combine with Copart

I am writing to share some important news about the future of ACV. Moments ago, we announced that ACV has agreed to be acquired by Copart. You can read more about the transaction here [\[LINK\]](#).

We're excited about what this transaction means for our customers and the value we can deliver to you. Together with Copart, we will have an expanded suite of end-to-end services and solutions, and our increased financial resources will also allow us to accelerate investment in key technology initiatives, such as the VIPER rollout, ClearCar and ACV MAX. In addition, Copart has an extensive yard footprint, with more than 250 locations globally that are zoned and conveniently located for customers, and its global network of buyers will allow us to provide greater liquidity to help transactions move faster and more efficiently.

We expect the transaction to close by the end of calendar year 2026, subject to various conditions and approvals. Until then, ACV and Copart will continue to operate as separate, independent companies. In short, it is business as usual, and our dependability, existing offerings and ways in which we work together remain unchanged.

Delivering for our customers remains our top priority, and we are focused on making this a seamless process for you. Thank you for your business and continued support.

Sincerely,

ACV

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