



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20228

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a **Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) - approved Currency Reader Manufacturer (CRM)**. The following information is provided for gaining access to samples of newly designed \$100 U.S. banknotes.

Please note that the approval of a CRM and its subsequent entry into the BEP database does not imply that the BEP in any way endorses or underwrites the use and functionality of the equipment manufactured and marketed by your firm.

Eligibility: Manufacturer of a device that is specifically designed to read and denominate U.S. currency and offers the device for purchase in the retail market.

Non-eligible: Firms that act as resellers, distributors or maintenance stations/centers.

Assuming your firm meets the eligibility criteria, you will need to get certified by the BEP based on a security background investigation of your company and key employees. As a BEP-approved CRM, your firm will be able to test and reprogram your equipment prior to each note's public issuance by using samples of newly designed U.S. banknotes from the BEP.

Once gaining status as a BEP- approved vendor, you will be eligible to receive sample notes prior to the issuance of any newly designed U.S. currency. Your firm will be invited to participate as follows:

Approximately **four months prior** to the issuance of the new notes to the public, the BEP will invite your firm to pick up selected sample production notes which can be held for 120 days for developing a new algorithm and sensor adaptation activities. Your firm will be able to sign-out a sample package from the BEP with no up-front monetary security deposits.

Please be aware that once sample notes are returned to the BEP, they will no longer be available for future reference.

To begin this process, please contact Mr. Anthony Hoyer via email at Anthony.Hoyer@bep.gov with your organizational information including contact information for no more than three (3) individuals who will be handling these activities. Please provide the following information:

Organization
Web site
Contact Name
Position Title
Office Address and Phone Number
Social Security Number or Passport Number
Country of Origin
Date of Birth
Place- city of Birth
E-mail address

Once this information is received, the BEP will conduct a background investigation to determine the eligibility of your organization and its designated employees. At any time during the application process, you may contact Mr. Hoyer with any questions.

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