

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP)- approved Currency Reader Manufacturer (CRM). The following is information for gaining access to newly designed U.S. testnotes. Please note that the approval of a CRM and its subsequent entry in the BEP database does not imply that the BEP in any way endorses or underwrites the use and functionality of the equipment manufactured by the CRM.

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 approval from the BEP based on a security background check of your company and key employees. Once becoming a BEP-approved CRM, you will be eligible to receive invitations for opportunities to work with 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 up to 180 days for sensor adaptation activities and/or developing a new algorithm. 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 samples are returned to the BEP, they will no longer be available for future reference.

To begin this process, please contact the BEM Support Division via email at [BEM and CRM Customer Support@bep.gov](mailto:BEM_and_CRM_Customer_Support@bep.gov)

The BEP will then conduct a background investigation to determine the eligibility of your organization and its designated employees. Please be advised, this background investigation will require personal information for key contacts at the company including but not limited to date of birth and social security number/passport number. At any time during the application process, you may contact the BEM Support Division with any questions.