

**Dear Applicant:**

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

To be considered for BEP-approval, your company must meet the following eligibility criteria:

Eligible: Manufacturers of commercially available devices that are specifically designed to read and denominate U.S. currency.

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

Assuming your firm meets the eligibility criteria, you will need to request approval from the BEP. BEP-approval designation is based on a security background check of your company and key employees. Once becoming a BEP-approved CRM, your firm will be eligible to receive invitations for opportunities to work with sample notes prior to the circulation of any newly designed U.S. currency.

Your firm will be invited to participate as follows: Approximately four (4) months prior to the circulation of newly designed U.S. currency to the public, the BEP will invite your firm to pick up selected sample production notes. These can be held for up to 180 days for sensor adaptation activities and/or developing a new algorithm. Participating companies may 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)

In this process, the BEP will conduct a background investigation to determine your company's eligibility 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 questions.