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3. The recently completed Feasibility Trial for the Catalyst \$10 identified no new issues or risks associated with the integration of the Raised Tactile Feature (RTF) into the banknote. The trial provided additional confidence around the ink transfer method for the feature and other areas of intaglio printing. The full assessment of the trial, including all other areas of performance, is underway at this time to provide guidance and direction around the next steps in testing.

4. BEP has reached a milestone of distributing more than 100,000 currency readers. As of September 5, 2023, the program has distributed approximately 100,273 iBill® electronic currency readers, and its customer service call center has handled 14,709 calls.

5. To assist in distributing those currency readers, BEP has established a total of 72 signed Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) with various entities in distributing currency readers to our constituents. Since the beginning of FY 2023, BEP has signed an additional 17 MOAs with the following: Blind Industries Services of Maryland (BISM); VA Miami Health Care System; Michigan Braille and Talking Book Library; Envisions Dallas; Department of Education, New York City; Perkins Talking Book Library; State Library of Kansas, Talking Books Service; Alabama Instructional Resource Center for the Blind; Tennessee Library for Accessible Books and Media; Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Disabled; Louisiana Center for the Blind; Brevard County Talking Book Library; Maryland State Library for Blind and Print Disabled; Broadview Federal Credit Union; Penny Forward; Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Nevada Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

6. BEP currently has 15 MOAs with Network Regional and Sub-Regional Libraries. NLS continues to provide outreach for the U.S. Currency Reader Program through VA Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST) Coordinators, Network Library staff and conferences.

7. BEP also continues to provide meaningful access for a large segment of the blind community through mobile device applications, which allow smartphones and similar devices to function as currency readers. As of September 5, 2023, there have been a total of 170,640 mobile application downloads. The EyeNote® application for Apple devices, which BEP developed, has been downloaded approximately 117,116 times. The IDEAL Currency Identifier application for the Android operating system has been downloaded approximately 53,524 times.

8. To date, BEP has participated in 121 Conferences for the Meaningful Access Program, with a combined total in attendance of 38,000 patrons. Since the beginning of FY 2023, BEP has participated in four (4) conferences: National Industries of the Blind Training Conference and Expo; 62<sup>nd</sup> American Council of the Blind Conference and Convention; 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the National Federation of the Blind and 78<sup>th</sup> National Blinded Veterans Association Convention.

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