

Questions for BEMs and Other Stakeholders
Regarding Proposed Meaningful Access Features

The following questions are based on the premise that the recommendations made by the BEP to provide meaningful access of U.S. banknotes, including incorporation of a tactile feature, will be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Definition: The terminology “meaningful access feature” is used to define features added to banknotes with the intention of assisting blind and visually impaired persons to differentiate banknote denominations.

General Questions

1. Does your organization currently manufacture equipment that is capable of processing currency that includes “meaningful access features”?
2. Please explain which “meaningful access features” your equipment can handle.
3. Are there any “meaningful access features” which you prefer and are there any which you would want to avoid completely for U.S. currency?
4. Do you anticipate any difficulties or problems with the operation of your machines if a tactile feature is incorporated into the substrate used for U.S. banknotes? If so, what are they?