

## **U.S Currency Reader Program**

As part of the U.S. government's meaningful access initiative, the Bureau of Engraving And Printing (BEP) will provide an iBill® Talking Banknote Identifier at no cost to all eligible blind or visually impaired persons who request one.



### **What is the iBill® Talking Banknote Identifier?**

iBill® is a currency reader device that provides a convenient means for blind or visually impaired individuals to identify Federal Reserve notes (U.S. currency). Its compact "key-fob" design allows it to be carried in a pocket or purse, clipped to a belt, or attached to a

keychain or lanyard.

The iBill® is a fast and accurate means to identify all Federal Reserve notes in circulation - \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100.

It is convenient and easy to use. Just insert a Federal Reserve note into the device, press the button on the side, and the denomination is identified.

The denomination is announced in one of three ways: a clear natural voice, a pattern of tones, or a pattern of vibrations for privacy. The vibration mode also assists people who are deaf and blind.

The iBill® operates on a single, AAA battery which typically lasts for more than a year. The initial battery is included.

### **Does iBill® authenticate banknotes?**

The iBill® does not identify counterfeit banknotes.

Banknotes in poor physical condition are indicated as un-identifiable and are not read.

### **Coming To You**

Beginning September 2, 2014, in partnership with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, the BEP will begin a pilot program where NLS patrons can pre-order an iBill® currency reader. Currency readers will be widely available to eligible others beginning January 2, 2015.

In addition to distributing currency readers, the BEP will also add a raised tactile feature and continue to add large, high-contrast numerals and different colors to each denomination that it is permitted by law to alter.

For more information about the U.S. Currency Reader Program please go to [www.bep.gov](http://www.bep.gov)

## Identify U.S. Currency with Your Mobile Device



### EyeNote® App

EyeNote® is a free mobile device application developed by BEP for people who are blind or visually impaired. It is built for the Apple iOS platform and allows users to scan Federal Reserve notes and communicate its values back to the user. The app is available as a free download on the Apple App Store<sup>SM</sup>.

### The IDEAL® Currency Identifier

BEP assisted in the development of another app that operates on the Android platform. The IDEAL® Currency Identifier is available as a free download on Google Play.

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Federal Reserve Notes**