DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20228

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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Short description of supply or service: Research and Development RFI for Device Assisted Security Features

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Response Date: 2:00 PM Eastern Time, November 15, 2026

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Program Office POC: Chris Dollberg, Ph.D., Division Manager, Christopher.Dollberg@BEP.Gov

Description: This is a Request for Information (RFI) only. This RFI is for informational planning purposes only and it should not be construed as a commitment by the Government for any actual procurement of materials, machinery, or services. This notice does not constitute a solicitation or a promise of a solicitation in the future. This RFI does not commit the Government to a contract for any supply or service. Respondents are advised that the Government will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this RFI. All costs associated with responding to this RFI are solely at the responding parties` expense. No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in your response. The Government reserves the right to use any non-proprietary technical information in any resultant solicitation(s). If so, respondents are solely responsible for properly marking and identifying such information within their responses.

The U. S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP), is interested in obtaining, testing, and evaluating technologies and/or materials with potential application in device-assisted, user interpreted counterfeit deterrent features on future generations of U. S. currency. Proposed counterfeit deterrent features should be novel and that are not otherwise in commercial use or the public domain.

Proposed features may become distinctive counterfeit deterrents incorporated into the banknote or applied to the note. An effective device-assisted user-interpreted feature should be materials and effects that extremely difficult to simulate or duplicate but should be easy to authenticate by the public using a ubiquitous, readily available and low-cost device. Examples of these devices include but are not limited to optical filters, magnifiers, low-cost laser pointers, LED flashlights, magnets, and cell phones.

Thus, the distinctive feature materials (incorporated into the banknote) should be novel (that are not otherwise in commercial use or the public domain); however, the user devices should be readily available for public users to obtain commercially.

Technologies and/or materials submitted for consideration will be reviewed for inherent and relative effectiveness as a security feature and may be further assessed for compatibility with design and production factors, durability, environmental acceptability, and other processing requirements.

For initial screening purposes, interested parties are requested to submit preliminary samples and a brief technical description to:

1. preliminary samples and
2. a brief technical description to:

Bureau of Engraving & Printing
Office of the Technology & Development
Attn: Chris Dollberg
301 14th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20228-0001

The Bureau may submit offered technologies to outside technical experts under government contracts for their evaluation subject to the approval of the submitting party. Previously submitted materials or technologies need not be resubmitted.

Email responses to this Notice shall be sent to the attention of Kevin Ibershoff, Kevin.Ibershoff@BEP.Gov, Falcon Albino, Falcon.Albino@BEP.Gov, and Chris Dollberg, Christopher.Dollberg@BEP.Gov. Respondents are requested to submit the capability statements no later than 2:00 PM Eastern Time, November 15, 2026.

This Notice does not obligate the Government to award a contract or otherwise pay for the information provided in response. All costs associated with responding to this Notice are solely at the responding party's expense. The Government reserves the right to use information provided by respondents for any purpose deemed necessary and legally appropriate. Further, the Government may contact the vendor for additional information regarding the information submitted as part of this market research effort. Any organization responding to this Notice should ensure that its response is complete and sufficiently detailed. Information provided will be used to assess tradeoffs and alternatives available for the potential requirement and may lead to the development of a solicitation. Respondents are advised that the Government is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information received or provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted.

Responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract or agreement. The BEP will not be obligated to pursue any acquisition alternative as a result of this notice. Responses to the notice will not be returned.

Not responding to this notice does not preclude participation in any future solicitation if one is issued.

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