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**Free Educational Tours!  
See America's Money Being  
Printed In Fort Worth, Texas**



**BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING  
WESTERN CURRENCY FACILITY**

**To schedule a tour,  
call our Tour Office at:**

(817) 231-4000

or

Toll Free: (866) 865-1194

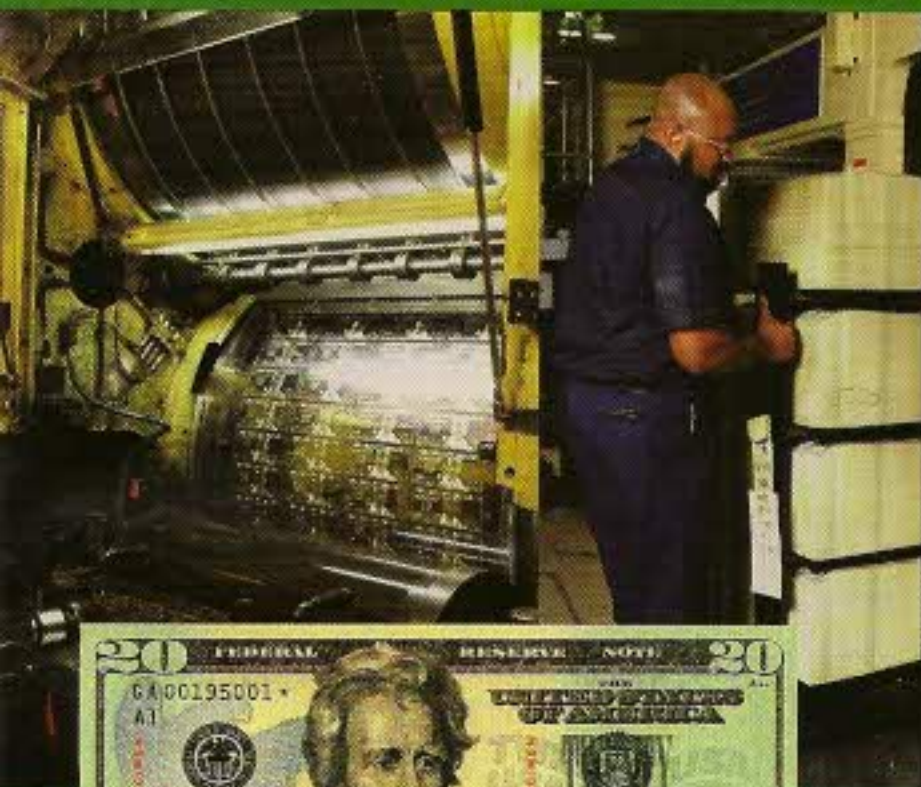
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## You'll see billions of dollars

during the tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Fort Worth, Texas. The tour features the various steps of currency production, beginning with large, blank sheets of paper and ending with wallet-ready bills!

As the U.S. Government's security printer, the BEP is responsible for the design, engraving, and printing of all U.S. paper currency. A world leader in printing technology, the Bureau also produces White House invitations, Treasury obligations, and other U.S. securities.

In 1862, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing started off as a simple currency processing operation in Washington, D.C. Since then the Bureau has evolved into a state-of-the-art security document printing facility. The first government notes were produced by a private firm, then trimmed and separated by hand at the Department of the Treasury. Gradually, all facets of currency production were assumed by the Bureau. The Bureau moved to its present site in Washington D.C. in 1914 and in 1991 a second currency production facility was open in Fort Worth, Texas.

Though new printing, production, and examining technologies have brought the BEP into the 21st century, the Bureau's engravers continue to use the same traditional tools that have been used for hundreds of years.



## **WESTERN CURRENCY FACILITY TOUR AND VISITOR CENTER**

At the Tour and Visitor Center visitors are invited to view the printing of paper currency along an enclosed walkway suspended over the production floor. Visitors will also enjoy two floors of interactive exhibits and displays showcasing the history of paper currency and the intricacies of the currency production process.

The free, 45-minute tour is available to individuals and groups Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Groups of 10 or more must schedule a tour in advance by calling (817) 231-4000 or toll free at (866) 865-1194. The Western Currency Facility is closed weekends, Federal holidays and the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. (Tour hours are subject to change).

### **Gift Shop**

Unique items such as uncut currency sheets, shredded currency, collector's editions, and novelty items are available for purchase.

### **Foreign Languages**

Standard guided tours are presented in the English language. Upon request, tours are available in Spanish.

### **Accessibility**

Tours are available in American Sign Language upon request. Assisted listening devices are also available for the hearing impaired upon request. Wheelchairs are available upon request for guided tours.

### **Transfer Station Security Screening**

The visitor's experience will begin in the Transfer Station. Upon entering the Transfer Station, visitors will undergo a security screening. All visitors, including children, are required to pass through a metal detector for security screening. Once through security, a bus will take visitors on a short ride to the Tour and Visitor Center.

## ATM Machine

An ATM is available at the Visitor Center near the south entrance to the gift shop.

## Vending and Rest Area

A vending and rest area is available for visitors.

## Photography and Cell Phones

Cameras, video equipment, tape recorders, and cell phones are NOT permitted on Bureau premises.

## Policies and Regulations

In times of elevated security levels, tour policies and security regulations are subject to change without notice.

## Free Parking

Visitors will park in the designated visitor's parking lot and will enter the Transfer Station for security screening.

## Directions

**From Denton:** Take I-35W South towards Fort Worth and merge onto US287N/US81N (exit 60). Exit FM 156 (second exit) and turn left (South) onto FM 156/Blue Mound Rd. Proceed one mile and turn left into the visitor's parking lot.

**From Downtown Dallas:** Proceed West on Interstate 30 to Loop I-820N (exit 21B). Proceed on Loop I-820 to I-35W North (Exit 16A) toward Denton. Proceed North on I-35W to Hwy. 287/81 (Exit 60) to Decatur. Proceed North on Hwy. 287/81 to FM 156 (second exit). Turn left (South) onto FM 156/Blue Mound Road. Proceed one mile turning left into the visitor's parking lot.

**From North Dallas:** Take I-35E South to Loop 12 South (Exit 436). Proceed to Hwy. 183 West toward Irving/DFW airport. Proceed West on Hwy. 183 to Loop I-820W. Proceed on Loop I-820W to I-35W North (Exit 16A) toward Denton. Proceed North on I-35W to Hwy. 287/81 (Exit 60) to Decatur. Proceed North on Hwy. 287/81 to FM 156 (second exit). Turn left (South) onto FM 156/Blue Mound Road. Proceed one mile turning left into the visitor's parking lot.

**From South Fort Worth:** Take I-35W North toward Downtown Fort Worth and proceed North to US 287N/US 81N (exit 60) toward Decatur. Exit FM 156 (second exit) and turn left (South) onto FM 156/Blue Mound Road. Proceed one mile and turn left into the visitor's parking lot.

**From West Fort Worth:** Take I-30E and merge onto I-820N (exit 5B). Proceed on Loop I-820W to I-35W North (Exit 16A) toward Denton. Proceed North on I-35W to Hwy. 287/81 (Exit 60) to Decatur. Proceed North on Hwy. 287/81 to FM 156 (second exit). Turn left (South) onto FM 156/Blue Mound Road. Proceed one mile turning left into the visitor's parking lot.

**Note:** FM 156 may also be called Blue Mound Rd.

