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WHAT: **The New \$50 Bill Goes Into Circulation.**

WHEN: **The Federal Reserve will begin shipping the new note to depository institutions on Monday, October 27.** (Some banks may not have the new 50 right away because the Fed ships currency to banks on request.)

WHERE/

WHO: The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
411 Locust Street

WHY: The new \$50 note is the second in the U.S. currency series (the first, the \$100 note, was introduced last year) to incorporate new and modified security features to thwart counterfeiters, including:

- larger, off-center portrait (of U.S. Grant) and a matching watermark portrait;
- color-shifting ink in the lower right-hand numeral;
- micro-printing in the border of the note and in U.S. Grant's shirt collar;
- a polymer security thread to the right of the portrait that glows when exposed to ultraviolet light in a dark environment; and
- a large, dark numeral on a light background on the back of the bill to make it easier for the 3.7 million Americans with low vision to better recognize the note.

NOTE: The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis has several specimens of the newly designed \$50 note for viewing.

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