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U.S. Mint To Ship New 50 State Quarters™ to St. Louis Fed

ST. LOUIS — The U.S. Mint will begin shipping the first of the new 50 State Quarters™ to the Federal Reserve's Eighth District late next week. In turn, commercial banks and other financial institutions in the District, which covers all of Arkansas, southern Illinois, southern Indiana, western Kentucky, northern Mississippi, eastern Missouri and western Tennessee, will receive the "new" quarters from their respective St. Louis Fed offices. The St. Louis Fed has branches in Little Rock, Ark., Memphis, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky.

The first 50 State Quarter features a reverse (tails) design honoring the state of Delaware. Although the goal of the U.S. Mint is to make the coin as widely available as possible, it will be late spring or early summer before most people see it in circulation.

The new coins will be issued in the order they entered the Union or ratified the Constitution. The coins honoring Missouri and Illinois will be available in 2003.

Consumers interested in obtaining the new coins should contact their banks or financial institutions. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the U.S. Mint at 1-800-USA-MINT, or the Mint's website at www.usmint.gov.

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