



BULK PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

On Dec. 20, 2002, the United States Mint introduced its new Bulk Purchase Program. Registered Bulk Purchasers will receive a five percent discount on purchases of \$5,000 or more of qualifying products. An additional five percent discount will be given to those who purchase \$50,000 or more of qualifying products annually.

The rebate will be processed automatically at the close of the sales period, which begins Jan. 1, 2003, and ends Dec. 31, 2003.



To become a Registered Bulk Purchaser, applicants must have worked full-time as a coin dealer for at least five years, and possess a current state resale number and business license.

Qualifying products include any assortment of United States Mint proof Sets, United States Mint Silver Proof Sets and all American Eagle Proof Coins. For more information, please visit www.usmint.gov/consumer.

CHECK OUT THE NEW 50 STATE QUARTERS® WEBSITE

The United States Mint has revamped its 50 State Quarters® Program website in a new interactive and colorful way. Please visit www.usmint.gov to see for yourself. All 2003 quarter images are available - Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri and Arkansas.

ILLINOIS QUARTERS IN CIRCULATION

On Jan. 6, 2003, Illinois First Lady Lura Ryan joined United States Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore at Chicago's James R. Thompson Center to unveil the Illinois state quarter.



The coin depicts a young Abraham Lincoln within the outline of the state, with a farm scene and the Chicago skyline appearing on either side of the outline. The design also features 21 stars, symbolizing Illinois' status as America's 21st state, and the inscriptions "21st State/Century" and "Land of Lincoln." The coin is the third in American history to feature the likeness of Lincoln, but the first to show him as he might have looked when he lived and worked in Springfield, Ill. The image is based on a sculpture by Avard Fairbanks titled "The Resolute Lincoln."

ILLINOIS QUARTERS IN 2-ROLL SETS AND BAGS

On Jan. 2, 2003, two-roll sets of Illinois quarters — featuring one roll each of Philadelphia and Denver mint marked coins — became available. The sets sell for \$32.00.

Bags of 100 and 1,000 Illinois quarters also are on sale. Each bag is marked with the Mint of origin. Bags of 100 coins sell for \$35.50 and bags of 1,000 coins for \$300.



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UNITED STATES MINT CONSUMER & BUSINESS AWARENESS SITE

The United States Mint's Consumer and Business Awareness website – www.usmint.gov/consumer – explains the variety of replicas and coin-related products in the market that are easily confused with authentic U.S. Mint coins



and medals with helpful and easy to understand information for consumers and businesses.

FIRST FLIGHT COMMEMORATIVE COIN PREPARES FOR LAUNCH

The year 2003 marks the 100th anniversary of Orville and Wilbur Wright's historic flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

By Act of Congress, the United States Mint will produce a series of gold, silver and clad commemorative coins with a portion of the proceeds from sales to be paid to the First Flight Foundation for purposes of maintaining the Wright Brothers Monument on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and to expand the visitor center and other facilities at the Wright Brothers National Memorial Park, including resources for educational programs and exhibits for visitors.

These coins will be offered in both proof and uncirculated condition in gold ten-dollar, silver one-dollar and clad half-dollar coins.

UNITED STATES MINT SENDS 'GREETINGS FROM AMERICA' JAN. 10, 2003

The United States Mint, in concert with the United States Postal Service, will announce the start of a new joint product venture combining the popular 50 State Quarters® and the celebrated Greetings from America stamps. The joint venture marks the first time United States Mint products will be available for sale through USPS facilities, beginning Jan. 13, 2003.

The 50 State Quarters Greetings from America series features five circulating quality state quarters and five corresponding state stamps for each of the programs' years, in a portfolio with matching slipcase including a certificate of authenticity signed by United States Mint Director Fore and Postmaster General Jack Potter. The 2002-series will be available for sale nationwide on Jan. 13, 2003, with the 1999-, 2000-, 2001-, and 2003-series' available later this year.

WEST POINT COMMEMORATIVE A PIECE OF U.S. MILITARY HISTORY

The 2002 United States Military Academy Bicentennial Commemorative Coins honors the 200th anniversary of this esteemed institution. This is the first commemorative silver dollar minted at the United States Mint at West Point since 1994. The program has a maximum combined mintage of 500,000 in proof and uncirculated.



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