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Subject: New dollar coin designed using IDL (please vote)

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Greetings,

Some of you may remember my previous posts regarding my proposed designs for a new US circulating \$1 coin which the Mint will release in the year 2000. The designs were created using IDL's object graphics.

My initial proposal was for an Apollo Astronaut. The powers that be, however, decided that the new coin should feature a woman. The chosen woman was Sacagawea, the Native American woman who helped Lewis & Clark on their Corps of Discovery mission.

To make a long story short, a revised version of my eagle reverse design (also done in IDL) is still in the running for use on the new coin.

The Mint has just created a new web page where visitors can view, vote, and comment on the finalists. There are 6 obverse and 7 reverse finalists, selected from a group of about 80 obverses and 40 reverses. Go to:

[http://www.usmint.gov/dollarcoin/finalist\\_home.cfm](http://www.usmint.gov/dollarcoin/finalist_home.cfm)

Please vote for my reverse design # 122 !!!

If you do vote, please do not mention my name since the Mint has not released the names of any of the artists.

The Mint requested that I make some design changes and submit the artwork in the form of a "line drawing". That is the image displayed on the Mint's web page, and it was also done in IDL - generated from my 3D surface data.

Other finalists have a short description of their design called an "Artist's Vision". I am currently attempting to get the Mint to include the following description of my design:

"The eagle soaring in the sun symbolizes enlightenment through exploration of the heavens. The sun's ray design is inspired by the artwork on a Mandan buffalo robe. The Mandans played a significant role in Sacagawea's life and in the Corps of Discovery mission."

I also created a Sacagawea obverse design, but it apparently did not make the cut. You can view it, along with my other proposals at:

<http://www.rmi.net/~dcarr/dollar.htm>

Please feel free to send your comments regarding my obverse design to the Mint.

In addition to email, you can contact the Mint at:

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Thanks for any assistance !

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