AUSTIN, Texas—Five Austin-area Redemption Centers completed the first "Liberty Walk" here Nov. 23, 2002. The walk, intended to educate merchants as to the merits of real money, resulted in three new Austin Liberty Merchants coming online after just three hours of effort. The group also has a list of almost 50 prospects who are interested in using real money.

"This is a great example of how the Liberty Dollar story really resonates with merchants when you give them a chance to evaluate it in detail," said Michael Badnarik from the Constitution Preservation Center of Texas. "We talked to almost 60 merchants in the downtown Austin area, and those that didn't sign up on the spot were interested in having us get back to them later with more information."

"I had fun," said James Oliver of the Big Chief Redemption Center. "I never thought so many merchants would have such a positive reaction—plus I was able to hang out with, and have breakfast and lunch with, my fellow RCs, so it was a morning well spent."

The group, which calls itself the "Texas Liberty Merchants Association," plans to do more Liberty Walks in Austin with the goal of signing up 500 merchants by the end of 2003.

Those who would like to hear more about Liberty Walk to are encouraged to contact the Austin RCs by calling NORFED at 888-421-6181 or inquiring online at www.norfed.org