

Massive Public Works Program Fact Sheet

What is the work to be done?

Housing:

Units needed per year	
Replacement:	0.5 million units
Population growth:	1.4 million units
Elimination of 10 million unit shortage in a decade:	1.0 million units
Total:	2.9 million units

New Jobs: 2.5 million

Education:

Cutting class size in half, doubling college education:	
School construction	<i>2.0 million</i>
New public school teachers	<i>3.5 million</i>
New college employees	<i>1.0 million</i>

Cost of free tuition for all: \$0.2 trillion per year

Other infrastructure:

Flood control, bridges, hospitals, mass transit etc.	<i>1.5 million</i>
	<i>2.0 million</i>

Health:

Environment:

Pollution clean-up	<i>1.0 million</i>
Clean energy research, development, production	<i>0.5 million</i>

Total direct government employment *14 million*

Indirect additional employment *14 million*

Total New Jobs *28 Million*

Total government cost **\$1.5 trillion per year**

Where does the money come from?

Ending Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, Converting arms production **\$0.4 trillion per year**

Repayment of Bank Bailout, over five years **\$0.2 trillion per year**

5% wealth tax on assets over \$ 2 million per family **\$1.2 trillion per year**

Tax of 100% on all increases in oil and gas prices since 2003 **\$0.2 trillion per year**

Total **\$2.0 trillion per year**

Can it be done?

75 years ago the Civil Works Administration, in **four and a half months** built or repaired 33,850 public building, carried out 3,220 flood control projects, built from scratch 1,000 airports and 3,700 playgrounds. Within the first week of its operation, it employed 1.1 million workers and employment peaked at 4.2 million. The total cost of the project was \$30 billion in 2006 dollars.

In six year the Works Progress Administration (WPA) built 116,000 bridges, 5,600 new schools, 30,000 new public buildings, financed thousands of public murals, put on thousands of plays and concerts, paid for local histories and employed nearly **eight million people** –in a country with less than half our present population.