

# Economic Stimulus Package IRS Mailing

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Greetings all,

Yesterday I visited my mailbox and saw a mailing from the IRS. My stomach immediately sank since I imagined I was being audited. "Here goes 40+ hours of my life" I saw to myself.

Anyway, I open it up and it turns out to be an informational mailing on the "Economic Stimulus Package" recently enacted by Congress. I won't get into my distaste for the policy, but I was hoping to find out some information on this printing and mailing, just to give my friends and fellow citizens of the taste of the insanity that is going on around them.

I roughly figured that this mailing must have went out to approximately 100 million households, with postage alone running \$.41 each + the printing and transportation costs running the mailing at least \$50M.

I went to the US Government Printing Office and through a not simple searching/scouring process on their site I found a PDF describing that the bidding was closed for the mailing. The bidding called for 20.5M of the mailings (less than I expected, are they going out in phases?) and was bid on by 5 or so companies, but no numbers were attached (thanks Big Brother!).

The bid lot was J. 341-835.

Does anyone know the total costs for the mailing alone? Any additional information?

I find it very, very humorous (in a dark humor way) that the simple mailing of this letter will cost more Federal Tax dollars than myself, everyone at my company and probably everyone that ever reads this post will ever give to the Federal government combined. When the checks were going to be mailed anyway, and if necessary an informational posting could have been included in that.

Anyway, your information is appreciated.

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