

Fact Sheet

American Jobs Act

The Federal government needs to take urgent action to create jobs. The American Jobs Act, introduced by President Obama, is a step in the right direction.

Key provisions of the legislation include:

- Public investments to prevent layoffs of 280,000 teachers and layoffs of firefighters and police officers.
- Create construction jobs by rebuilding roads, railways, and bridges. Modernize 35,000 schools and community colleges. Rehabilitate hundreds of thousands of vacant and foreclosed homes and businesses.
- Create construction jobs to modernize highways, mass transit, rail and aviation.
- Extend unemployment insurance to 5 million jobless workers.
- Tax incentives to hire veterans who suffer long term unemployment.
- Target communities with persistent high unemployment.
- Create both summer and full-time jobs for low-income youth as well as adults through subsidized employment and innovative training programs.
- The American Jobs Act would make it illegal to refuse to hire applicants solely because they are unemployed.
- The American Jobs Act would stimulate the economy by providing a \$1,500 payroll tax cut to the typical American family.

The AFL-CIO, movement and organizations and elected officials have endorsed the Act. Working America says, (The American Jobs Act) “represent a starting point for reversing the devastating jobs crisis that our nation continues to endure.”

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