

## Republican Presidential Primary Spending Analysis – Mitt Romney

**Total Annual Spending: \$19.458 billion**

### **Economy, Transportation, and Infrastructure: \$226 million**

#### A. Intellectual Property Rights:

“Romney’s vision for expanding trade includes stronger ... action against intellectual property rights theft ... .”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Opening\\_Markets\\_NH](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Opening_Markets_NH)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: It is unclear whether this would be accomplished through diplomacy or through the expansion of trade enforcement agencies of the federal government.

#### B. Product Standards:

“Romney’s vision for expanding trade includes ... building food, safety and other standards to protect Americans ... .”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Opening\\_Markets\\_NH](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Opening_Markets_NH)

Cost: \$40 million (\$200 million over five years).

Source: BillTally estimate based on text for H.R. 3100 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and the Consumer Product Safety Act to increase the safety of food, toothpaste, and toys.

#### C. Regulatory Relief Board:

“Romney would re-institute a regulatory relief board to cut back the regulation weeds that choke off growth. ... One that deserves pruning is Sarbanes-Oxley ... .”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Detroit\\_Economic\\_Club\\_Excerpts](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Detroit_Economic_Club_Excerpts)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: S. 869 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress) would reform the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Public Law No. 107-204), but a cost estimate is unavailable.

#### D. Trade Enforcement:

“Romney’s vision for expanding trade includes stronger ... enforcement efforts abroad ... .”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Opening\\_Markets\\_NH](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Opening_Markets_NH)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: It is unclear whether this would be accomplished through diplomacy or through the expansion of trade enforcement agencies of the federal government. Related legislation has been introduced in the form of S. 1919 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to establish trade enforcement priorities for the United States, to strengthen the provisions relating to trade remedies, and for other purposes. A cost estimate is unavailable.

#### E. Worker Training and Benefits One-Stop Shops:

“He will ... create true ‘one-stop shops’ that make it easier for workers to get access to the benefits, training, and educational opportunities they need to find jobs in the new economy.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Opening\\_Markets\\_NH](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Opening_Markets_NH)

Cost: \$186 million (first-year cost).

Source: This estimate is based on data about the Career Centers available in Massachusetts from Massachusetts Department of Workforce Labor, and the U.S. Census Bureau with NTUF calculations. The program cost \$4 million in Massachusetts, which has a population of 6,437,193. The per-person cost was then multiplied by the U.S. population, 299,398,484.

<http://www.mass.gov/bb/gaa/fy2008/prnt08/app08/act08/p70030803.htm>

#### F. Worker Training Program Audit:

“Romney will initiate an audit of all existing worker training and educational programs to ensure that workers are being helped most efficiently, while eliminating duplicative spending and minimizing bureaucratic overhead.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Opening\\_Markets\\_NH](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Opening_Markets_NH)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: There is no way of determining what programs would be cut and what savings, if any, would result.

### **Education, Science, and Research: \$603 million**

#### A. Charter Schools:

“Romney ... will focus our efforts in fields like math and science, while promoting innovative approaches such as charter schools and public-private partnerships.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Excellence\\_Education](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Excellence_Education)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: As Governor, Romney proposed lifting caps on charter schools in addition to the Massachusetts Education Reform Act (MERA) of 2005. MERA covered issues like promoting math and science (cost: \$100 million) but was focused on public schools.

<http://www.issuesource.org/popChron.cfm?ChronID=592>

He also supported the reimbursement of charter schools for building renovation. Related legislation, H.R. 2904 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress), would reauthorize the laws relating to public charter schools to improve academic achievement of all students. A cost estimate is unavailable.

#### B. Education:

“He will support performance-based pay and other initiatives that encourage our best teachers to teach in our highest-need schools.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Excellence\\_Education](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Excellence_Education)

Cost: \$100 million (\$500 million over five years).

Source: BillTally estimate based on Whitehouse.gov data for H.R. 1761 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish the Teacher Incentive Fund Program, and for other purposes.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/09/20040922-1.html>

#### C. Stem Cells:

“It is time to move beyond typical Washington politics, and offer support for stem-cell research techniques that bring science and ethics together to promote life, protect life, and save lives.”

<http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=ZmY2OTUxMTgyZmM0ZDkwMGRmMzhkYjAxZmMyOWZlM2U=>

“[Debate Moderator Chris Matthews]: ‘Mrs. Reagan wants to expand federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Will that progress under your administration?’

Mr. Romney: ‘It certainly will. Altered Nuclear Transfer ... is perhaps the best course. ... I want our government funds to be used on Dr. Hurlbut’s method, which is Altered Nuclear Transfer.’”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/05/03/us/politics/04transcript.html>

Cost: \$500 million (\$5 billion over 10 years).

Source: Romney supports – based on information from the *National Review* article linked above – bills such as S. 30 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to intensify research to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines.

A *Medical News Today* article indicates amount of funding for S. 30.  
<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/61613.php>

D. Technology:

“While the government already invests heavily in defense, space and health technologies, it is time to invest substantially in technologies related to power generation, nanotechnology, and materials science.”

<http://www.mittromney.com/Issue-Watch/Technology>

Cost: \$3 million (\$13 million over five years).

Source: Text of S. 1372 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to provide for a Center for Nanotechnology Research and Engineering.

**Energy, Environment, and Agriculture: \$3.739 billion**

A. “I will make a five-fold increase – from \$4 billion to \$20 billion – in our national investment in energy research, fuel technology, materials science, and automotive technology.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/DEC\\_Remarks\\_1.13.08](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/DEC_Remarks_1.13.08)

Cost: \$3.2 billion (\$16 billion over five years).

Note: NTUF assumes this increase will occur over five years.

B. Basic Research:

“The Romney plan ... [would] dramatically increase federal spending on research, development, and demonstration projects that hold promise for diversifying our energy supply and increasing our energy efficiency, such as:

Basic research in key technologies like improved energy storage ... .”

[http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney\\_StrongerAmerica\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney_StrongerAmerica_Booklet.pdf)

Cost: \$50 million (\$250 million over five years).

Source: Text of Section 304 of S. 1115 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to promote the efficient use of oil, natural gas, and electricity, reduce oil consumption, and heighten energy efficiency standards for consumer products and industrial equipment, and for other purposes. Section 304 is the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act, which would fund a basic research program on energy storage systems to support motor transportation and electricity transmission and distribution.

C. Bioenergy:

“And it takes that Apollo project. It also takes biodiesel, biofuel, ethanol, ... cellulosic ethanol, nuclear power, more drilling in ANWR [Arctic National Wildlife Refuge]. We

have to be serious about efficiency ... and that's going to allow us to become energy independent.”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/06/05/us/politics/05cnd--transcript.html?ei=5070&en=f90492e8216c5ff1&ex=1187668800&pagewanted=print>

Cost: Unknown.

#### D. Clean Energy:

“The Romney Plan [would] ... dramatically increase federal spending on ... clean, efficient uses of existing fossil fuels, e.g. clean coal, coal-to-liquids, carbon sequestration.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney\\_StrongerAmerica\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney_StrongerAmerica_Booklet.pdf)

Cost: \$404 million (\$2.02 billion over five years).

Source: Clean Coal: Text of Section 105 of S. 1602 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to improve the energy security of the United States by promoting diverse energy supplies and energy efficiency, and for other purposes.

Coal-to-Liquids: Text of S. 154 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

Carbon Sequestration: Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate for H.R. 1933 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and improve the carbon capture and storage research, development, and demonstration program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.  
<http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/83xx/doc8302/hr1933.pdf>

#### E. Domestic Oil Sources:

“The Romney Plan [would] ... pursue our domestic sources of energy, drawing from our broad and diverse base of options, including opening ANWR [the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge] to oil and natural gas development.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney\\_StrongerAmerica\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney_StrongerAmerica_Booklet.pdf)

Cost: -\$500 million (savings) (-\$2.501 billion over five years).

Source: CBO cost estimate for the Reconciliation Recommendations of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, which would have permitted drilling in ANWR.

<http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=6798&sequence=0>

Note: Last December, Congress passed and the President signed H.R. 6111, the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, which included a provision to remove restrictions on leasing certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico for oil and gas development.

#### F. Nuclear Power Plants:

“The Romney Plan [would] ... accelerate construction of new nuclear power plants in order to ensure that nuclear power continues to be a part of a robust, cleaner and reliable energy mix.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney\\_StrongerAmerica\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney_StrongerAmerica_Booklet.pdf)

Cost: \$125 million (\$375 million over three years).

Source: CBO cost estimate for S. 14 (108<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

<http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/42xx/doc4206/s14.pdf>

Note: H.R. 2764, the Consolidated Appropriations Act (passed into law in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress) contained \$20.5 billion in loan guarantees for the nuclear industry for nuclear power facilities.

[http://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/industries/industrials/article/usec-statement-loan-guarantees-nuclear-power-industry\\_419253\\_6.html](http://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/industries/industrials/article/usec-statement-loan-guarantees-nuclear-power-industry_419253_6.html)

#### G. Smart-Grid Technology:

“The Romney Plan [would] ... dramatically increase federal spending on ... improved smart-grid technology for power distribution ... .”

[http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney\\_StrongerAmerica\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney_StrongerAmerica_Booklet.pdf)

Cost: \$460 million (\$2.3 billion over five years).

Source: Text of Section 104 of H.R. 3237 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to facilitate the transition to a smart electricity grid. Section 104 would establish a Smart Grid Investment Matching Grant program.

### **Health Care: -\$721 million (savings)**

#### A. Deductibility of Medical Expenses:

“He also supports the full deductibility of qualified medical expenses.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Health\\_Care](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Health_Care)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: This may have an outlay impact depending on other deductions individuals have and the effect on other refundable credits.

#### B. Health Insurance Coverage:

“[Romney] will end subsidized care for ‘free riders’ by redirecting these existing federal and state resources to help the low-income uninsured purchase their own private health insurance.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Health\\_Care](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Health_Care)

Cost: Unknown.

#### C. Health Insurance Deregulation:

“Romney will provide federal incentives for states to deregulate and reform their health insurance markets.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Health\\_Care](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Health_Care)

Cost: Unknown.

#### D. Information Technology:

“Romney will bring health care into the 21st century by enhancing the use of information technology, establishing cost and quality transparency, encouraging more HSAs and co-insurance products, and calling for more provider options.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Health\\_Care](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Health_Care)

Cost: \$169 million (first-year cost).

Source: NTUF’s cost analysis of the President’s 2007 State of the Union Address, in which President Bush offered a similar proposal.

<http://www.ntu.org/main/page.php?PageID=115>

#### E. Medical Liability Reform:

“[Romney] will implement medical liability reform, including federal caps on non-economic and punitive damage awards in medical malpractice cases.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Health\\_Care](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Health_Care)

Cost: -\$890 million (savings) (-\$4.452 billion over five years).

Source: CBO cost estimate for H.R. 5 (108<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

Although the bill was reintroduced and passed by the House in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, CBO did not update its estimate. It was also reintroduced in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress as H.R. 2580 and S. 243.

<http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/40xx/doc4098/hr5ec.pdf>

#### F. Social Security:

“[Indexing Social Security benefits is] the wrong way to go other than for higher-income Americans. Higher-income Americans – that is the Posen plan – yes, let’s consider doing that. That is indexing based on prices rather than wages.”

[http://www.nytimes.com/2007/10/21/us/politics/21debate-transcript.html?\\_r=2&oref=slogin&pagewanted=print&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/10/21/us/politics/21debate-transcript.html?_r=2&oref=slogin&pagewanted=print&oref=slogin)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: According to the Congressional Research Service, “The Social Security Administration (SSA) has analyzed a method of progressive price-indexing that would continue to wage-index Social Security benefits for workers with career average earnings in the lowest 30[percent] of the earnings distribution. SSA has estimated that this proposal would eliminate about three-fourths of the program’s 75-year unfunded liability.”

[http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RL32900\\_20050512.pdf](http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RL32900_20050512.pdf)

## **Homeland Security and Law Enforcement: \$157 million**

### A. Border Patrol:

“Romney said the federal government needs to hire more Border Patrol agents ... .”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/ICYMI\\_Southern\\_Border](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/ICYMI_Southern_Border)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: It is unknown how many additional agents Romney would hire. CBO estimates that it costs \$180,000 per year to train and pay a border patrol agent.

[http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/81xx/doc8179/SA1150\\_June4.pdf](http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/81xx/doc8179/SA1150_June4.pdf)

### B. Children Internet Safety:

“Romney will work to ensure that every home computer has [a] ... pornography filter so that parents can protect their children.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_10.27.07](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_10.27.07)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: This could be implemented as a regulation (which would have no overt federal budget cost) or as a grant to states (which would have a cost).

### C. Employment Verification System and Identification Card:

“The Romney Plan [would] ... [i]mplement [a]n [e]nforceable [e]mployer [v]erification [s]ystem. Issue a biometrically enabled and tamperproof card to non-citizens and create a national database for non-citizens so employers can easily verify their legal status in this country.”

<http://www.mittromney.com/Issues/immigration>

“There’s no question as we deal with the issue of immigration, having a national special card that indicates ... their work status will allow us to know who’s here legally, who’s not, who can work and who cannot.”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/05/03/us/politics/04transcript.html>

Cost: \$150 million (\$750 million over five years).

Source: BillTally estimate based on the text and information from the sponsor for H.R. 98 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to enforce restrictions on employment in the United States of unauthorized aliens through the use of improved Social Security cards and an Employment Eligibility Database, and for other purposes.

#### D. Online Predators:

“Romney will propose new, tougher federal penalties for first-time offenders who use the Internet to sexually assault children, including stiff mandatory jail time to be followed by lifetime tracking by Global Positioning Satellite (GPS). This will represent a ‘One-Strike, You’re Ours’ law for child predators.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/MA\\_Law\\_Enforcement](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/MA_Law_Enforcement)

Cost: \$2 million (first-year cost).

Source: NTUF calculations based on FBI testimony to the House Committee on the Judiciary and Slate.com article.

<http://judiciary.house.gov/oversighttestimony.aspx?id=1149>

<http://slate.com/toolbar.aspx?action=print&id=2118117>

Note: Subsequent years could have higher costs because lifetime sentence costs would be cumulative as more people are convicted.

#### E. Promoting Awareness:

“Romney will also promote and increase awareness of available parental control filtering products for existing computers.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Policy\\_Briefing\\_Guarding\\_Our\\_Children](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Policy_Briefing_Guarding_Our_Children)

Cost: \$5 million (\$10 million over two years).

Source: BillTally cost estimate based on text for H.R. 3461 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to establish a public awareness campaign regarding Internet safety.

#### F. Sanctuary Cities:

“Romney said the federal government needs to ... crack down on ‘sanctuary cities’ that publicly embrace immigrants whether they are in the country legally or not.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/ICYMI\\_Southern\\_Border](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/ICYMI_Southern_Border)

“I think we should reduce federal funding to cities that call themselves sanctuary cities.”

[http://www.cfr.org/publication/13338/republican\\_debate\\_transcript\\_south\\_carolina.html](http://www.cfr.org/publication/13338/republican_debate_transcript_south_carolina.html)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: It is impossible to estimate how much, if any, savings will result from this because “sanctuary cities” may change their policies to avoid funding from being cut off. Additionally, it is unclear whether the funds denied sanctuary cities will

be given to other cities (resulting in no savings) or will actually be used to reduce outlays. Related legislation has been introduced in Congress, in the form of H.R. 3549 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to withdraw federal funds from states and political subdivisions of states that interfere with enforcement of federal immigration law. A cost estimate is unavailable.

#### G. Southern Border Fence:

“Follow through on Congressional commitment to build a physical and technological fence along the southern border, and secure other points of entry.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney\\_StrongerAmerica\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney_StrongerAmerica_Booklet.pdf)

Cost: Unknown

Note: Cost will depend on two factors:

- The length of additional wall (approximately \$3 million/mile according to CBO);  
[http://www.nytimes.com/cq/2007/07/11/cq\\_3057.html](http://www.nytimes.com/cq/2007/07/11/cq_3057.html)
- How much new technology is used (the Department of Homeland Security estimates the virtual wall will cost \$7.6 billion over four years).  
<http://www.peworld.com/article/id,129294/article.html>  
Currently, \$1.225 billion is appropriated for border security to complete 670 miles of fence.

### **National Defense and International Relations: \$40.02 billion**

#### A. AIDS Czar:

“As President, I will mobilize our civilian instruments of power to address HIV/AIDS, poverty and other challenges across Africa by empowering a single U.S. official with the responsibility and authority to lead all of America’s civilian efforts in the region. I will fundamentally transform our international aid efforts so that more of our assistance goes to those suffering rather than bureaucracy.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/World\\_AIDS\\_Day](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/World_AIDS_Day)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: According to an April 2006 opinion editorial in *The Hill*, the Bush administration has pledged \$15 billion over five years to combat AIDS. This effort is being managed by an “AIDS Czar.” Romney has not committed to a specific dollar figure.

<http://thehill.com/op-eds/tobias-has-a-mission-to-reform-u.s.-foreign-aid-2006-04-25.html>

## B. Investing in Defense:

“[W]e need to increase our investment in national defense. This means adding at least 100,000 troops and making a[n] ... investment in equipment, armament, weapons systems, and strategic defense. ... [W]e are going to need at least an additional \$30 [billion to] \$40 billion annually over the next several years. ... In addition, we should increase to at least [4] percent of our gross domestic product to defense.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney\\_StrongerAmerica\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney_StrongerAmerica_Booklet.pdf)

Cost: \$40 billion (\$200 billion over five years).

## C. Military Spending Analysis:

“I will convene a team of private sector leaders and defense experts to carry out a stem-to-stern analysis of military purchasing ... . I want my team to see if and where we are being fleeced by contractors and suppliers.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Speeches/Remarks\\_George\\_Bush\\_Library\\_Center](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Speeches/Remarks_George_Bush_Library_Center)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: Savings, if any, would be dependent on recommendations of the analysis and the degree to which they are implemented.

## D. Partnership for Prosperity and Progress:

“Romney will call together our Middle East allies and the major nations of the developed world to establish a Partnership for Prosperity and Progress. This Partnership will assemble the resources of all developed nations to assure that threatened Islamic states have public schools, micro-credit and banking, the rule of law, human rights, basic health care, and competitive economic policies. Resources would be drawn from public and private institutions, and from volunteers and NGOs.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_10.17.07](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_10.17.07)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: During the Bush Administration the public diplomacy budget for the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs at the State Department increased from \$670 million to \$840 million with a one-time additional funding of \$50 million.

<http://fpc.state.gov/fpc/94775.htm>

The Congressional Research Service reports that the Middle East Partnership Initiative received \$114 million in 2006 (it was created in 2002).

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL32260.pdf>

## E. Rapid Innovation Force:

“Romney will establish a Rapid Innovation Force within the military to rapidly deploy the equipment and innovative solutions our troops need for their success and protection.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Stronger\\_Military](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Stronger_Military)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: It is unclear if this would replace or enhance a current similar program, the Rapid Equipping Force. According to the Government Accountability Office, “[T]he Army Rapid Equipping Force began in fiscal year 2002 and was formalized in March 2005. Its missions include rapidly equipping operational forces to enhance mission capability and soldier safety, inserting promising technologies into the current force, and providing business process feedback to Army stakeholders. ... In fiscal year 2006, the Rapid Equipping Force had a budget of over \$135 million and, since inception, has provided 227 types of equipment, totaling over 51,000 individual items, for the war on terror.”  
<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d07546.pdf>

#### F. Special Partnership Force (SPF):

“The SPF will integrate all elements of national power under a new force with leadership drawn from a core group of our Army Special Forces trained to work with civilian governments and intelligence personnel to form a new capability that is:

- Focused on locally-targeted efforts to win support in the community while identifying, isolating and eliminating terrorist elements.
- Highly integrated and able to mobilize all elements of national power, including humanitarian and development assistance and rule of law capacity building.
- Closely coordinated in partnership with local governments.
- Intelligence driven.
- Agile and flexible in its operations.
- A sustainable effort in contested areas and sanctuaries of Jihadist groups ...”

[http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney\\_StrongerAmerica\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney_StrongerAmerica_Booklet.pdf)

Cost: \$20 million (\$100 million over five years).

Source: The cost estimate is based on related legislation that covers the humanitarian and development assistance components of Romney’s proposal. That bill is H.R. 1361 (109<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to improve the ability of the federal government to coordinate and conduct stabilization and reconstruction operations in countries or regions that are in, are in transition from, or are likely to enter into, conflict or civil strife, and for other purposes. The text of the bill authorizes \$100 million over five years.

### **Veterans: \$434 million**

#### A. Benefits Review:

“Romney will call for a regular outside review of benefits under the Montgomery G.I. Bill to ensure that our veterans, active duty military, and their eligible spouses and dependents have the resources they need to pursue the educational opportunities they deserve.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Stronger\\_Military](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Stronger_Military)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: Related legislation has been introduced, in the form of H.R. 81 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to provide that members of the Armed Forces and Selected Reserve may transfer certain educational assistance benefits to dependents, and for other purposes. A cost estimate is unavailable.

#### B. Expanded Benefits:

“In Massachusetts, Republicans and Democrats were able to work together to expand benefits for our state’s veterans. In Washington, we must do the same.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Veterans\\_Day](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Veterans_Day)

Cost: \$434 million (first-year cost).

Source: Based on U.S. Force recruitment from 2002 to 2006 and the Massachusetts Welcome Home Bill Bonus Payments data for FY 2008.

<http://www.mass.gov/bb/gaa/fy2008/app08/act08/h06102000.htm>

Force recruitment data found in several articles on recruitment targets.

<http://usmilitary.about.com/od/joiningthemilitary/a/06recruiting.htm>

<http://usmilitary.about.com/od/joiningthemilitary/a/recruitgoals.htm>

<http://usmilitary.about.com/od/joiningthemilitary/a/2004recruitgoal.htm?>

<http://usmilitary.about.com/cs/joiningup/a/recruitgoals.htm>

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2002-08-19-forces-quota\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2002-08-19-forces-quota_x.htm).

Note: This is a first-year estimate only; future outlays under this program would depend on recruitment levels and the annual number of honorable discharges.

#### C. In-State Tuition:

“Romney will level the playing field for military families by calling on every state to extend in-state tuition benefits to military dependents whose parents are stationed there and, furthermore, to permit the continuation of the in-state tuition rate even if their parents are reassigned and forced to leave the state.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Stronger\\_Military](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Stronger_Military)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: This will have no cost unless a program is instituted to reimburse states for providing lower tuition rates to state schools, or to assist states that in turn assist private schools for offering lower tuition rates. Related legislation has been introduced, in the form of H.R. 3780 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require a state to charge in-state tuition rates to active-duty members of the Armed Forces domiciled or stationed on active duty in that state and to the dependents of such members. A cost estimate is unavailable.

**Miscellaneous: -\$25 billion (savings)**

A. Adoption:

“Romney will work to ensure that every abused or neglected child is protected from harm by removing the link between federal foster care funding and outdated income eligibility requirements.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Adoption](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_Adoption)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: The Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care’s report, *Fostering the Future: Safety, Permanence and Well-Being for Children in Foster Care*, estimates first-year costs ranging from \$280 million to \$1.6 billion depending on the de-linking strategy used.

<http://pewfostercare.org/research/docs/FinalReport.pdf>

B. Family Impact Statement:

“Romney will reinstate the Family Impact Statement and initiate an audit of all current programs and policies which may negatively impact families.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_10.27.07](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_10.27.07)

Cost: Unknown.

C. Federal Government – Discretionary Spending:

“I will cap non-defense discretionary spending at inflation minus [1] percent.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney\\_StrongerAmerica\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.mittromney.com/img/pdf/SSA/Romney_StrongerAmerica_Booklet.pdf)

Cost: -\$25 billion (savings) (first-year cost).

Source: BillTally estimate for H.R. 379 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to make 5 percent across-the-board rescissions in non-defense, non-homeland-security discretionary spending for fiscal year 2007.

D. Federal Government – Waste:

“I want to go through every aspect of the federal government and cut out the waste, the duplication, the inefficiency and then take on ... overspending and Medicaid ... .”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/ICYMI\\_Spending\\_Kudlow\\_Debate](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/ICYMI_Spending_Kudlow_Debate)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: Related legislation, S. 1935 (110<sup>th</sup> Congress): A bill to establish a Commission on Congressional Budgetary Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies. A cost estimate is unavailable.

## E. Marriage:

“Romney [w]ill ... end the tax penalty on married couples.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_10.27.07](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_10.27.07)

Cost: Unknown.

Note: Related legislation has been introduced in the form of H.R. 163 and H.R. 834 (110th Congress) and these proposals may affect outlays for refundable credits for certain married couples. Cost estimates are unavailable.

## Fiscal Quotes:

Worker Empowerment and Training Accounts:

“Romney will Create Worker Empowerment And Training Accounts. These self-managed accounts will give workers the opportunity to take control of their own futures by getting the training and education they need to succeed in the new economy. The accounts may be used for a broad variety of different training and educational opportunities, including those provided by community colleges or businesses that hire these workers. ... These accounts will take money out of the hands of bureaucrats and put it into the hands of ... displaced workers.

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/PressReleases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Opening\\_Markets\\_NH](http://www.mittromney.com/News/PressReleases/Romney_Agenda_Opening_Markets_NH)

“Romney [p]roposes [g]iving the [e]xecutive [b]ranch the [a]uthority to [s]pend up to 25 [percent] [l]ess than Congress [a]ppropriates. ... Romney believes the President has an important role to play in the budget process, but that [p]residential authority has been unjustifiably curbed in recent decades. With the proliferation of earmarks and with Congress unwilling to make tough spending choices, it is clear we need to re-insert the President into the budget process. The amount of money Congress tells the President to spend should be a spending ceiling, not a final price tag.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/PressReleases/Romney\\_Agenda\\_Government\\_Spending](http://www.mittromney.com/News/PressReleases/Romney_Agenda_Government_Spending)

“I’ve got a list of all of the government programs where there is duplication from one agency to another. There are some 342 different economic development programs. We have over 100 different job training programs. We have 13 teenage pregnancy prevention programs. The duplication that is suggested by those kind of numbers suggests that you can cut dramatically back on those programs, and you can consolidate programs and end up with something that has far less bureaucracy and is able to do the job for a lot less money. But the problem in Washington is, once somebody gets a program started that has their name attached to it, they never want to kill it. And I intend to go through the entire federal government, agency by agency, program by program, rank them, determine which ones are working, which ones aren’t, which ones can be combined with others and eliminate programs one after the other. And those three areas I gave you are places I know I’d be eliminating.”

[http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/ICYMI\\_Medved\\_11.23](http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/ICYMI_Medved_11.23)