

HERE AND THERE

A Comparison of the Bush Administration's Iraq Reconstruction Package

IRAQ	UNITED STATES
<p>\$6,000 per radio/telephone <i>The Bush Administration has requested \$3.6 million for 400 handheld radios and 200 satellite phones at an average cost of \$6,000 each.</i></p>	<p> \$495 – Cost of satellite phone</p> <p> \$54.99 – Cost of walkie-talkie radios</p>
<p>\$33,000 per pickup truck <i>The Bush Administration has requested \$2.64 million for 80 pick-up trucks at a cost of \$33,000 each.</i></p>	<p> \$15,454 – Cost of the award-winning GMC truck</p>
<p>\$50,000 per prison bed <i>The Bush Administration has requested \$400 million to build two 4,000 bed prisons for a cost of \$50,000 per prison bed.</i></p>	<p> \$14,000 – Rough cost per bed of building new prison</p>
<p>\$10,000 per month for business school <i>Administration has requested \$20 million to teach a 4-week course business course at a cost of \$10,000 per student.</i></p>	<p> \$4,000 – Per month tuition at Harvard Business School</p>
<p>\$200,000 per protected witness <i>The Bush Administration has requested \$100 million to protect 100 families with average of 5 members per family.</i></p>	<p> \$10,273 – Cost per witness for protection in the U.S. Federal Witness Protection</p>
<p>\$333 for 30 half days of computer training <i>The Bush Administration requested \$40 million for a \$333per-person, per-month half day computer course</i></p>	<p> \$200 – Cost of 6 month computer course at American community colleges</p>