

# Earned Income Credit Envelope Stuffer

This English-Spanish envelope stuffer can be copied and mailed with paychecks, public assistance checks, bills, and other mailings. Local phone and utility companies, for example, might send copies with their December 2003 or early 2004 bills to customers. For more ideas on using the envelope stuffers, see the Strategy Guide in the Outreach Campaign Kit.

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## Make Tax Time Pay! Claim All Your Tax Credits

### You could be eligible!

Did you work in 2003? You may be eligible for the Earned Income Credit. If so, you'll owe less in taxes and you could get cash back. Even if you don't owe income tax, you can get the EIC!

- Were you raising one child in your home in 2003? Did your family earn less than \$29,666\*? You can get an EIC up to **\$2,547**.
- Were you raising more than one child in your home in 2003? Did your family earn less than \$33,692\*? You can get an EIC up to **\$4,204**.
- If you weren't raising a child, did you earn less than \$11,230\* in 2003? Were you between the ages 25 and 64? You can get an EIC up to **\$382**.

*\*If you are married, the income limit is \$1,000 higher than this amount. Many married workers will get a larger EIC.*

### Here's how you get it:

- If you were raising children in 2003, file federal tax return Forms 1040 or 1040A, *not* Form 1040EZ. Be sure to attach Schedule EIC.
- If you weren't raising children in 2003, just file any federal tax return.

**Boost your take-home pay!** Eligible workers with children can get Advance EIC in their paycheck. Get Form W-5 from your employer, or call 1-800-TAX-FORM.

### Tax time can pay even more — claim your CTC refund!

Many families that earned more than \$10,500 may qualify for the Child Tax Credit (CTC) refund — up to \$1,000 for each dependent child under age 17. See your tax instructions and get Form 8812.

**Want more information?** Want to find out how you can get your tax forms filled out for free? Call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040.

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The two-sided EIC envelope stuffer is easily reproduced on an office copier. Simply make double-sided copies of this stuffer. When trimmed, the stuffers should fit into just about any size envelope.