



## Boston EITC Coalition Blog

### ***And now for something completely different: taxes out of vans!***

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It's March now, we're halfway through the tax season, and things have been getting pretty exciting here at the EITC Coalition. For example, our new foray into really, *really* mobile tax preparation. We've temporarily hired on one of our previous VISTA volunteers, the talented Ms. Casey Roncoroni, to help us help the One Economy people as they run mobile tax sites out of vans.

Yeah, you read that right. Vans! Through a grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation, five mobile tax sites (read: vans), have been dispatched throughout the US. (For an even better explanation of what these enterprising people are doing with this, visit [www.myfreetaxes.com](http://www.myfreetaxes.com), and the press releases about this project on One Economy's site [here](#).)

At these sites (that is, where the vans stop... gotta love it), VITA-certified volunteers are actually helping taxpayers as they do their own taxes with One Economy's online tax prep software on thebeehive.org. (I may have mentioned the awesomeness of thebeehive.org at an earlier date. Same beehive.) So, these mobile sites are just as much about education as they are about filing returns.

*Sigh.* It seems like just a few weeks ago I was standing around at a volunteer training, listening to One Economy's Lee Davenport talk about this idea some people had about using some vans... No wait, that actually *was* just a few weeks ago. And they've somehow made it a reality in the time since then. Impressive, these One Economy people.

Anyway, back to the point: even though these mobile sites are aimed at helping taxpayers learn to file their own taxes, they still require volunteers to answer questions and orient people to the fun, fun world of taxes. And since the EITC Coalition is nothing if not a group of wonderful volunteers dedicated to free tax prep, we've been trying to send some of our volunteers their way to help staff the Boston sites of this crazy cross-America free love (*ahem*, taxes) van tour.

Are you a certified VITA volunteer? Does this sound like your kind of thing? If you are interested in helping out, please contact Casey at (617) 918-5358, or send her an email at [Casey.Roncoroni@gmail.com](mailto:Casey.Roncoroni@gmail.com). We would love to have you!

