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DOL releases \$85M in UI funds to Colorado	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091262.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor today certified the release of \$84,979,841 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Colorado. The state qualified for the remaining two-thirds of its share of funds available under ARRA by making it easier for unemployed workers seeking part-time work and those unemployed for compelling family reasons to be eligible for benefits.	The U.S. Department of Labor today certified the release of \$84,979,841 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Colorado. The state qualified for the remaining two-thirds of its share of funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by making it easier for unemployed workers seeking part-time work and those unemployed for compelling family reasons to be eligible for benefits. "Colorado is among several states that already have received part of their share of UI modernization funds by updating legislation to help unemployed workers with recent work experience obtain the assistance they need and deserve," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "I am pleased that workers who become unemployed for compelling family reasons, and those who are seeking part-time work, are now eligible to receive unemployment benefits in Colorado. The state has made changes to unemployment insurance law that are good for workers and will contribute to Colorado's ongoing economic recovery." The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment can use t	10/15/2009 15:00	UI; Colorado;unemployed;benefits;part-time;

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DOL announces \$13M in UI funds for Montana	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091230.htm	Press Release	DOL has certified for release \$13,017,176 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Montana. The state qualified for the remaining two-thirds of its share of the funds available under ARRA by adding provisions that allow part-time workers and individuals who are upgrading skills to receive unemployment compensation.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor has certified for release \$13,017,176 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Montana. The state qualified for the remaining two-thirds of its share of the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by adding provisions that allow part-time workers and individuals who are upgrading skills to receive unemployment compensation.</p> <p>"Montana already had shown its commitment to workers by enacting legislation that provides unemployment compensation to recent entrants to the workforce who lose their jobs," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "The state now has updated its law further to make it easier for individuals seeking part-time work — and those who are upgrading their skills — to be eligible for benefits. This is a solid step forward and essential to ensuring more workers get the support they need and deserve."</p> <p>The Montana Department of Labor and Industry can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance</p>	10/14/2009 15:30	UI;Montana;unemployment;benefits;part-time;
DOL announces over \$553K in grants for Maine	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091221.htm	Press Release	DOL announces grant exceeding \$553,000 to assist workers affected by layoffs from textile manufacturing industry in Maine to assist about 100 workers affected by layoffs at WestPoint Home in Biddeford. This grant will be funded by resources made available for National Emergency Grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$553,237 grant to assist about 100 workers in the state of Maine affected by layoffs at WestPoint Home in Biddeford.</p> <p>"This grant will provide crucial retraining and re-employment services to help workers find new careers in the high-growth, high-demand sectors of Maine's economy," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Plant closings and work reductions are an unfortunate reality across industries. Today, we have an opportunity to help these workers as they seek to re-enter the job market."</p> <p>Awarded to the Maine Department of Labor, this grant will be operated by Coastal Counties Workforce Inc. It will provide these dislocated workers, all of whom are also certified as eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), with access to "wrap-around" and supportive services, such as dependent care and transportation assistance, which are not available through the TAA program.</p> <p>Layoffs at WestPoint Home in Biddeford took place on Aug. 9, 2009.</p> <p>This grant will be funded by resources made available for National Emergency Grants under the American Recovery and</p> <p>National Emergency Grants are part of the secretary of labor's</p>	10/6/2009 16:00	NEG;grants;Maine;retraining;layoffs;

