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DOL announces release of nearly \$100.4 million in unemployment insurance modernization incentive funds to Illinois	The U.S. Department of Labor today announced the release of \$100,383,562 in UI funds to the state of Illinois. Sec. Solis noted Illinois recognizes the importance of providing an economic safety net to workers who have entered the workforce recently and lost their jobs through no fault of their own. Gov. Pat Quinn said that his state intends to take full advantage of the Recovery Act by applying for all possible stimulus funds.	04/20/2009 02:30 PM	unemployment;insurance;stimulus;incentive funds;Illinois;training;modernization;UI	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20090418.htm	Press Release	<p>WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$100,383,562 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Illinois. Illinois qualified for the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by allowing workers to use their more recent earnings to qualify for benefits. Illinois' approved application will be posted at the department's Employment and Training Administration Web site at http://www.doleta.gov/recovery.</p> <p>"Illinois recognizes the importance of providing an economic safety net to workers who have entered the workforce recently and lost their jobs through no fault of their own," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "It is the right thing to do for workers and is good for the state's economic recovery."</p> <p>The Illinois Department of Employment Security can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance program or delivering employment services.</p> <p>"Federal stimulus dollars provide vital support to the people of Illinois as they cope</p>
DOL announces release of \$54.2 million in unemployment insurance modernization incentive funds to Massachusetts	DOL released funds to allow Massachusetts workers to use their more recent earnings to qualify for benefits. Sec. Solis noted the commonwealth's law exceeds federal requirements and provides vital assistance to workers. Gov. Deval Patrick stated that Massachusetts is committed to the creation of an innovative and dynamic unemployment insurance system.	04/20/2009 02:30 PM	unemployment;insurance;stimulus;incentive funds;Massachusetts;training;modernization;UI	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20090420.htm	Press Release	<p>WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$54,227,780 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Massachusetts qualified for the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by allowing workers to use their more recent earnings to qualify for benefits. Massachusetts' approved application will be posted at the department's Employment and Training Administration Web site at http://www.doleta.gov/recovery.</p> <p>"Massachusetts is a trailblazer at understanding the importance of providing economic security to workers who have entered the workforce recently and lost their jobs through no fault of their own," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "The commonwealth's law exceeds federal requirements and provides vital assistance to workers."</p> <p>The Massachusetts Department of Employment Security can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance program or delivering employment services.</p>