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DOL releases $28.2M in UI funds to Maine	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090884.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release $28,231,263 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Maine. Maine qualified for its full share of the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act or ARRA) by providing for a variety of provisions that make it easier for recent entrants to the workforce, workers seeking part-time work and people who are upgrading their skills to be eligible for benefits. The Maine Department of Labor can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance	The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release $28,231,263 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Maine. Maine qualified for its full share of the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act or ARRA) by providing for a variety of provisions that make it easier for recent entrants to the workforce, workers seeking part-time work and people who are upgrading their skills to be eligible for benefits. "Maine already had made several updates to its UI program to better meet the needs of recent entrants to the workforce and workers seeking part-time work," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "The state now has updated its law to assist more workers who need training to become re-employed. These are the right things to do for workers and are good for the state's economic recovery." The Maine Department of Labor can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance program or delivering employment services. Federal and state officials had the following comments about "As hard-working families in Maine continue to grapple with t	7/29/2009 13:00	unemployment;funds;Maine;workers;reemployment;UI;