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DOL issues statement on August numbers	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/opa/opa20091100.htm	press release	of Labor Hilda L. Solis issued the following statement on the August 2009 Employment Situation report issued today. She stated these numbers are a sobering reminder that our economic conditions continue to cause pain for many Americans and that families are having a difficult time simply covering their daily necessities, much less planning for the future. Solis added that we are investing nearly \$4 billion in federal Recovery Act funds in training workers through the local workforce system. This includes \$220 million for training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors like health care.	Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis issued the following statement on the August 2009 Employment Situation report issued today: "This past August, the economy lost 216,000 jobs — fewer than what most experts expected. The overall unemployment rate is now 9.7 percent. Last month's jobs loss is an improvement from the average 700,000 jobs our economy was losing every month when this administration took office, but is still by no means acceptable. "These numbers are a sobering reminder that our economic conditions continue to cause pain for many Americans and that families are having a difficult time simply covering their daily necessities, much less planning for the future. "At the Department of Labor, one of our principal goals is to help those people that have lost their jobs until there is a full recovery that includes sustained job growth. With that goal in mind, we have acted quickly to protect workers by extending the number of weeks available for unemployment insurance and increasing the monthly benefit amount by an extra \$25 a week. We also have strengthened our social safety net by sub "At the same time, we are moving swiftly to provide new train "We are not only providing sound investments for American w	9/4/2009 10:45	unemployment;recovery;safety net;training;workers;

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DOL releases \$20.9M to New Hampshire for UI funding	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20091073.htm	press release	The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$20,934,147 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of New Hampshire. New Hampshire qualified for the remaining two-thirds of its share of the 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 family reasons to be eligible for benefits.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$20,934,147 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of New Hampshire. New Hampshire qualified for the remaining two-thirds of its share of the 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 family reasons to be eligible for benefits.</p> <p>"New Hampshire already had made several updates to its UI program that allowed access to much needed benefits for a wider group of workers," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "The state now has updated its law to make it easier for workers who become unemployed for compelling family reasons to be eligible for benefits. These family-friendly provisions are the right ones to implement to help workers and are important to the state's overall economic recovery."</p> <p>The New Hampshire Department of Employment Security can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, to administer its unemployment insurance program or delivering employment services.</p> <p>Federal and state officials had the following comments about the release:</p> <p>"Making sure our unemployed workers have the resources and</p>	9/3/2009 12:45	UI;incentive;New Hampshire;unemployment;
Illinois receives \$200.8M in funds from DOL	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20091034.htm	press release	U.S. Labor Department announces release of \$200.8 million in unemployment insurance modernization incentive funds to Illinois. Illinois qualified for the remaining two-thirds of its share of the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by including certain family-friendly provisions in its UI law.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor has certified for release \$200,767,125 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Illinois. Illinois qualified for the remaining two-thirds of its share of the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by including certain family-friendly provisions in its UI law.</p> <p>"I am pleased that Illinois has made updates to its UI program to better meet the needs of today's workers and their families," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "This additional funding was made available in light of the state's implementation of legislation allowing workers who leave jobs for compelling family reasons to receive UI benefits. The law also increases the benefits for unemployed workers with families."</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>The Recovery Act made a total of \$7 billion available in UI modernization incentive payments to states that include certain</p>	9/2/2009 16:00	incentive;funds;illinois;benefits;