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US Sec. of Labor Hilda L. Solis testifies before Senate HELP Committee on green job skills training	Sec. Solis testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions regarding green jobs skills training for workers. Solis stated the promise of green jobs is not only to help re-start the economy and put Americans back to work, but also to help make America more energy independent. DOL is developing plans for use of Recovery Act funding for research, labor exchange and job training projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy industries, and will soon issue solicitations for grant applications to be administered by ETA. The department has encouraged states to expand existing training programs that have the potential to prepare workers for careers in the renewable energy sectors and for other green jobs.	04/21/2009 02:30 PM	green jobs;recovery;training;investments;workforce;	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/opa/OPA20090435.htm	Press Release	<p>WASHINGTON — The following is the written statement for the record of U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis, who today testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions regarding green jobs skills training for workers.</p> <p>"Chairman Kennedy, Ranking Member Enzi and members of the Committee, thank you for the invitation to testify today. As the 25th Labor Secretary and the author of the Green Jobs Act (Title X of P.L. 110-140), I appreciate this opportunity to discuss the role of green jobs skills training for workers in the larger context of empowering our workforce to rebuild America's economy and promoting long-term competitiveness.</p> <p>"It is no secret that our economy is struggling. Real GDP declined at a 6.3 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter of 2008 and corporate profits fell at a 51 percent annual rate, the largest decline since 1953. Manufacturing employment is at an over 50-year low and businesses are having difficulty borrowing and meeting their payrolls.</p> <p>"Earlier this month, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported that the national unemployment rate reached 8.5 percent — the highest in 26 years. In many areas t</p> <p>Continued at http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/opa/OPA20090435.htm</p>