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DOL announces \$628,000 grant to Maine workers	<a href="http://dolcontentdev.opadev.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20090442.htm">http://dolcontentdev.opadev.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20090442.htm</a>	Press Release	U.S. Department of Labor announces a nearly \$628,000 grant to assist workers in Maine affected by home construction industry layoffs. Workers were affected by the sudden closure of Wood Structures Inc. headquartered in Biddeford, Maine. The grant will provide workers with access to dislocated worker services through the Maine Department of Labor. The funds are made available through ARRA of 2009.	<p>WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$627,961 grant to assist approximately 87 workers affected by the sudden closure of Wood Structures Inc. headquartered in Biddeford, Maine, with a manufacturing facility in Saco, Maine.</p> <p>"The sudden loss of jobs within these communities warrants a response that offers workers opportunities to improve their current skills or pursue new careers in growing regional industries," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.</p> <p>The Maine Department of Labor will receive the grant, which will provide workers with access to dislocated worker services. These services may include individual career counseling, skills assessment, and basic and occupational skills training.</p> <p>Wood Structures laid off workers on Dec. 9, 2008, and March 5, 2009. On March 16, the company abruptly ceased operating, resulting in more layoffs. On March 18, company officials issued a public notice announcing Wood Structures' closure, layoffs and filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.</p> <p>Resources for this National Emergency Grant are from the secretary of labor's discretionary fund under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.</p> <p>National Emergency Grants are awarded based on a state's a</p>	4/23/2009 17:00	<a href="#">unemployment:recovery:NEG&gt;Maine:training</a>
DOL provides grant for Idaho workers	<a href="http://dolcontentdev.opadev.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20090443.htm">http://dolcontentdev.opadev.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20090443.htm</a>	Press Release	U.S. Department of Labor announces grant exceeding \$1.5 million to assist workers in Idaho. The grant will assist approximately 300 workers affected by the closure of MPC Computers LLC in Nampa, Idaho. Workers will have access to job search and placement assistance, skills assessment, counseling, case management and follow-up services. All workers targeted for services also have been certified by the Labor Department as eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance.	<p>WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$1,520,633 grant to assist approximately 300 workers affected by the closure of MPC Computers LLC in Nampa, Idaho.</p> <p>"This grant will provide training and education opportunities for workers so that they can upgrade existing skills and transition to careers in new industries," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.</p> <p>The Idaho Department of Labor will receive the grant, under which workers will have access to job search and placement assistance, skills assessment, counseling, case management and follow-up services. All workers targeted for services also have been certified by the Labor Department as eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance.</p> <p>MPC Computers issued a public notice on Nov. 5, 2008, announcing the immediate layoff of workers. On Nov. 7, company officials filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and, subsequently, announced that the Nampa facility would close. Company officials issued another public notice on Dec. 20 announcing the immediate layoff of additional workers. The facility closure will be completed during 2009. At that time</p>	4/23/2009 17:00	<a href="#">unemployment:recovery:TAA:Idaho:training</a>

