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DOL releases \$4.6 million to Vermont	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090583.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor has certified for release \$4,639,299 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Vermont. Vermont is allowing workers to use their more recent earnings to qualify for benefits in order to qualify for the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act). Vermont's approved application will be posted at the department's Employment and Training Administration Web site at http://www.doleta.gov/recovery .	The U.S. Department of Labor has certified for release \$4,639,299 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Vermont. Vermont 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. Vermont's approved application will be posted at the department's Employment and Training Administration Web site at http://www.doleta.gov/recovery . "Vermont uses recent wages when determining eligibility for benefits, enabling the UI program to better meet the needs of the 21st century American workforce," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Vermont's law is particularly helpful to unemployed workers who have entered the workforce recently and otherwise might not qualify for UI benefits." The Vermont 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. The Recovery Act made a total of \$7 billion available in UI mo	5/28/2009 9:45	UI;incentive funds;Vermont;benefits;
DOL releases \$32.3 million in funds to Idaho	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090584.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor has certified for release \$32,260,831 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Idaho. Idaho is providing for a variety of provisions that assist recent entrants to the workforce, part time workers and people who are upgrading their skills in order to qualify for the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act). Idaho's approved application will be posted at the department's Employment and Training Administration Web site at http://www.doleta.gov/recovery .	The U.S. Department of Labor has certified for release \$32,260,831 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Idaho. Idaho qualified for the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by providing for a variety of provisions that assist recent entrants to the workforce, part time workers and people who are upgrading their skills. Idaho's approved application will be posted at the department's Employment and Training Administration Web site at http://www.doleta.gov/recovery . "Idaho has made important updates to its UI program to better meet the needs of the 21st century workforce," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "The UI modernization provisions adopted in Idaho help unemployed workers who have entered the workforce recently, work part time or need training to become re-employed receive the benefits they deserve." The Idaho 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. "I am pleased to make these additional funds available to fol The Recovery Act made a total of \$7 billion available in UI mo	5/28/2009 0:00	UI;incentive funds;Idaho;benefits;

