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DOL certifies \$108.4M in UI funds to Massachusetts	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091350.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$108,455,561 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Massachusetts qualified for the remaining two-thirds of its share of the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by allowing unemployed workers enrolled in training to receive unemployment compensation. They qualified as a result of its long standing dependents' allowance provisions, and by expanding its provisions allowing workers enrolled in approved training programs to receive unemployment	The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$108,455,561 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Massachusetts qualified for the remaining two-thirds of its share of the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by allowing unemployed workers enrolled in training to receive unemployment compensation as a result of its long standing dependents' allowance provisions, and by expanding its provisions allowing workers enrolled in approved training programs to receive unemployment compensation. "Massachusetts already received part of its share of UI modernization funds for its longstanding policy of helping unemployed workers who recently entered the labor force obtain the assistance they deserve," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "I am pleased that Massachusetts has made an additional update to its UI program to better meet the needs of modern day workers and their families by extending unemployment benefits to eligible workers enrolled in training." The Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development ca The Recovery Act made a total of \$7 billion available in UI mod	11/4/2009 13:00	UI;funds;Massachusetts;Recovery;unemployment;

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DOL \$827,000 grant to Massachusetts for layoffs	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091319.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor today announced an \$827,616 grant to assist about 135 workers in the commonwealth of Massachusetts affected by the closure of Jabil Circuit Inc. in Billerica, Mass. The grant will be operated by the Career Center of Lowell. It will provide these dislocated workers, all of whom are also certified as eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), with access to "wrap-around" and supportive services, such as dependent care and transportation assistance, which are not available through the TAA program.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced an \$827,616 grant to assist about 135 workers in the commonwealth of Massachusetts affected by the closure of Jabil Circuit Inc. in Billerica, Mass.</p> <p>"I am pleased that this grant will help laid-off workers enter training programs and acquire the skills needed to find new employment in emerging sectors of the economy," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "As our nation's economic recovery ramps up, we must offer our full support to working men and women and help them prepare to tackle the new jobs that will be created."</p> <p>Awarded to the Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development, the grant will be operated by the Career Center of Lowell. It will provide these dislocated workers, all of whom are also certified as eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), with access to "wrap-around" and supportive services, such as dependent care and transportation assistance, which are not available through the TAA program.</p> <p>Layoffs at Jabil Circuit Inc. in Billerica took place between May 1, 2009, and Sept. 1, 2009.</p>	11/2/2009 13:00	NEG;Massachusetts;layoffs;retrain;Jabil;
Sec. Solis announces \$138M for smart grid	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/opa/opa20091326.htm	Press Release	U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis today announced the award of \$138 million in federal funds to NV Energy for smart grid technology. Matching funds increase the value of this project to \$298 million. These funds will help transition an electric distribution system to a smarter, more efficient and reliable electric system, and spur the creation of clean energy jobs across Nevada.	<p>U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis today announced the award of \$138 million in federal funds to NV Energy for smart grid technology. Matching funds increase the value of this project to \$298 million. These funds will help transition an electric distribution system to a smarter, more efficient and reliable electric system, and spur the creation of clean energy jobs across Nevada.</p> <p>"America cannot build a 21st century clean energy economy without a smart, strong and secure electricity delivery system. Today's announcement will help spur the development and implementation of a broad range of technologies to bring a smarter, stronger and more secure electric system — and its benefits — to Nevada," said Secretary Solis.</p> <p>Prior to the announcement, Secretary Solis toured NV Energy's Advanced Service Delivery project with business representatives and labor leaders to see first-hand the work these funds will support as Nevada's electricity infrastructure is modernized and clean energy jobs are created. This statewide project will link 1.45 million electric and gas meters across 54,600 square miles of service territory, delivering mor</p>	10/28/2009 13:00	clean energy;smart grid;funds;recovery;

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DOL \$6M grant to Kentucky for health coverage	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091291.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$6 million grant to provide an estimated 1,550 jobless workers in Kentucky with partial premium payments for health insurance coverage. The grant, awarded to the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, Department for Workforce Investment, will be used to make "gap filler" payments for unemployed individuals who are receiving Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits and are eligible for the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) program.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$6 million grant to provide an estimated 1,550 jobless workers in Kentucky with partial premium payments for health insurance coverage.</p> <p>"The challenges associated with a job search are enough without worrying about a lack of health insurance if you or a family member fall ill or need medical attention," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "This funding will help eligible Kentuckians pay for health insurance while they seek out new careers that pay family-supporting wages and provide benefits for the long term."</p> <p>The grant, awarded to the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, Department for Workforce Investment, will be used to make "gap filler" payments for unemployed individuals who are receiving Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits and are eligible for the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) program. Under the program, eligible individuals can receive 80 percent of premium costs for qualified health insurance programs. These payments cover the months it may take a worker to complete Internal Revenue Service enrollment, processing and first payments up</p> <p>Of the \$6 million announced today, \$3.6 million will be released</p>	10/27/2009 12:00	NEG;Kentucky;health coverage;recovery;
DOL grant for \$372,000 to workers in Maine	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091290.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$372,839 grant to assist about 65 workers affected by layoffs at General Electric Security Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of General Electric Co. in Pittsfield, Maine. Awarded to the Maine Department of Labor, this grant will be operated by the Central/Western Maine Workforce Investment Board. The grant will provide affected workers with access to dislocated worker services.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$372,839 grant to assist about 65 workers affected by layoffs at General Electric Security Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of General Electric Co. in Pittsfield, Maine.</p> <p>"Supporting workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own is good for the economy and the right thing to do," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "This grant will provide the retraining and job search assistance necessary for affected workers in Maine to get a leg up in the current economic climate."</p> <p>Awarded to the Maine Department of Labor, this grant will be operated by the Central/Western Maine Workforce Investment Board. The grant will provide affected workers with access to dislocated worker services. These services may include skills assessment, basic skills training, individual career counseling and occupational skills training.</p> <p>Layoffs at General Electric Security Inc. took place in May and June 2009.</p> <p>This grant will be funded by resources made available for National Emergency Grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.</p> <p>National Emergency Grants are part of the secretary of labor's</p>	10/27/2009 12:00	NEG;grant;layoffs;Maine;GE;recovery;training;

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DOL \$3.3M grant for Massachusetts' workers	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091275.htm	Press Release	U.S. Department of Labor announces \$3.3 million grant to assist workers in Massachusetts affected by layoffs at nine companies in Massachusetts' information, manufacturing, retail and transportation industries. Workers covered under the grant were laid off between November 2008 and October 2009 from the following nine companies in the Metro South/West region of Massachusetts: ACT Electronics Inc., Altus Pharmaceuticals Inc., Bose Corp., DHL, EMC Corp., Sepracor Inc., Snap-on Inc., Staples Inc. and Taylor Corp.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$3,319,718 grant to assist approximately 600 workers affected by layoffs at nine companies in Massachusetts' information, manufacturing, retail and transportation industries.</p> <p>"This grant will ensure that affected workers across Massachusetts have access to high-quality re-training and re-employment services, which are crucial both to shaping the future career success of individuals and to spurring the state's growing industries," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.</p> <p>Awarded to the Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development, this grant will be operated by Employment and Training Resources. The grant will provide the impacted workers with access to dislocated worker services, which may include skills assessment, basic skills training, individual career counseling and occupational skills training.</p> <p>Workers covered under the grant were laid off between November 2008 and October 2009 from the following nine companies in the Metro South/West region of Massachusetts: ACT Electronics Inc., Altus Pharmaceuticals Inc., Bose Corp., DHL, EMC Corp., Sepracor Inc., Snap-on Inc., Staples Inc. and Taylor Corp.</p> <p>Of the \$3,319,718 announced today, \$1,906,964 will be released</p>	10/22/2009 12:00	NEG;Massachusetts;layoffs;recovery;retraining
DOL grants over \$3.8M to Oregon for layoffs	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091276.htm	Press Release	US Department of Labor announces \$1.4 million grant to assist workers affected by layoffs from aircraft manufacturing industry in Oregon. "This grant will provide re-employment services vital to ensuring these workers re-enter the workforce as quickly as possible," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. Of the \$1,412,920 announced today, \$925,664 will be released initially. Additional funding up to the amount approved will be made available as the state demonstrates a continued need for assistance.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$1,412,920 grant to assist approximately 328 workers in the state of Oregon affected by layoffs from Cessna Aircraft Co. in Bend, Ore.</p> <p>"This grant will provide re-employment services vital to ensuring these workers re-enter the workforce as quickly as possible," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "They deserve our support as they seek to upgrade existing skills or enter training that leads to good jobs in promising regional industries."</p> <p>Awarded to the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, this National Emergency Grant will be operated by the Oregon Consortium and Oregon Workforce Alliance/Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council. If a pending Trade Adjustment Assistance petition for these workers is approved, this grant will provide access to "wrap-around" and supportive services — such as dependent care and transportation assistance — in addition to the full array of training and employment-related services under this grant.</p> <p>Layoffs at Cessna Aircraft Co. took place between Feb. 1 and J</p>	10/22/2009 12:00	NEG;Oregon;layoffs;recovery;aircraft workers;

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DOL grants \$3.8M for Oregon industry layoffs	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091277.htm	Press Release	US Labor Department announces more than \$3.8 million in grants to assist workers affected by layoffs in Oregon's recreational vehicle manufacturing industry. The Lane Workforce Partnership and the Oregon Consortium each will operate one of two National Emergency Grants awarded to the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. In the past year, the recreational vehicle manufacturing industry has experienced several layoffs within Oregon. The grants released today will be funded by resources made available for National Emergency Grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced \$3,850,268 in grants to assist about 1,430 workers in the state of Oregon affected by layoffs from Monaco Coach Corp. locations in Coburg and Hines.</p> <p>"Layoffs and plant closings in the recreational vehicle industry are having a major impact on working families. In striving to address the underlying challenges of this situation, the U.S. Department of Labor remains committed to helping workers upgrade their skills and retrain for careers in promising fields," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Today's grants will provide re-employment services vital to ensuring these workers re-enter the Oregon workforce as quickly as possible."</p> <p>The Lane Workforce Partnership and the Oregon Consortium each will operate one of two National Emergency Grants awarded to the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. If pending Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) petitions also are approved, these dislocated workers will have access to "wrap-around" and supportive services — such as dependent care and transportation assistance — in addition to the full array of training and employment services available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.</p> <p>In the past year, the recreational vehicle manufacturing industry has experienced several layoffs within Oregon. The grants released today will be funded by resources made available for National Emergency Grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.</p> <p>Of the total \$3,850,268 announced today for both locations, \$</p>	10/22/2009 12:00	NEG;Oregon;layoffs;recovery;RV industry;

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DOL tool helps workers verify income	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091288.htm	Press Release	US Department of Labor and partners unveil tool to help unemployed homeowners verify income received from unemployment compensation. The Unemployment Benefit Estimation Tool allows mortgage companies and housing counselors to project a homeowner's unemployment insurance income for loan modification purposes. The tool was created as part of collaborative effort among the Labor Department, the U.S. Department of Treasury, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Hope Now Alliance.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced the creation of a new Unemployment Benefit Estimation Tool that allows mortgage companies and housing counselors to project a homeowner's unemployment insurance income for loan modification purposes. The tool was created as part of collaborative effort among the Labor Department, the U.S. Department of Treasury, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Hope Now Alliance.</p> <p>"Helping unemployed Americans stay in their homes while they seek out new careers is critical to their success and is simply the right thing to do," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Jane Oates. "This new tool will allow mortgage companies and housing counselors to accurately project the income homeowners may receive through unemployment compensation when processing home loan modification applications."</p> <p>New loan modification programs created through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 — such as the Making Home Affordable Program — allow mortgage companies to utilize nine months of a homeowner's unemployment insurance income for loan modification purposes. The tool was created as part of collaborative effort among the Labor Department, the U.S. Department of Treasury, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Hope Now Alliance.</p> <p>Mortgage professionals may access the new tool at http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091288.htm</p> <p>For information on the Department of Labor's full range of employment and training programs, visit www.dol.gov.</p>	10/22/2009 14:14	tool;income projection;unemployed;homeowners
TAA funding for 2010 announced by DOL	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091283.htm	Press Release	US Department of Labor announces 2010 Trade Adjustment Assistance funding allocations.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced \$447 million in funding allocations for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for states to assist workers who lose their jobs due to outsourcing and foreign trade. These are the initial allocations for fiscal year 2010 and represent approximately 65 percent of the total amount available for TAA for this year. The remaining funds are being held in reserve by the Labor Department for distribution as needed throughout the year.</p> <p>"The funding announced today underscores the Labor Department's continued commitment to helping workers who are adversely impacted by trade by ensuring they have the help they need to re-enter the workforce and secure family supporting wages," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.</p> <p>The TAA program seeks to provide workers with the opportunity to obtain the skills, resources and support needed to become re-employed. These funds will be used to provide career training and employment and case management services, and to pay for associated administrative costs. States will receive funds according to these allocations once the department receives its fiscal year 2010 funding.</p>	10/21/2009 14:30	TAA;2010;reemployment;training;recovery