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DOL grant of \$3.8M to assist workers in Massachusetts affected by financial industry layoffs	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091540.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091540.htm</a>	Press Release	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$3,874,594 grant to assist about 725 workers affected by layoffs at seven companies in Massachusetts' financial industry.</p> <p>"Today's grant will provide the job search and employment services necessary for affected workers in Massachusetts to find new jobs in emerging industries," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.</p>	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$3,874,594 grant to assist about 725 workers affected by layoffs at seven companies in Massachusetts' financial industry.</p> <p>"Today's grant will provide the job search and employment services necessary for affected workers in Massachusetts to find new jobs in emerging industries," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.</p> <p>Awarded to the Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development, this grant will be operated by the Metro South/West Employment and Training Administration. 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>The ongoing layoffs at the seven companies covered under the grant began in November 2008. Companies include Bank of America, Capital One, Fidelity Investments (Veritude), Putnam Investments, Sovereign Bank, State Street Bank and Trust Co., and Wellington Management.</p> <p>Of the \$3,874,594 announced today, \$1,294,864 will be released initially. Additional funding up to the amount approved will be made available as the commonwealth demonstrates a continued need for assistance.</p>	12/17/2009 13:00	grant;Mass.;layoffs;financial industry;NEG;retraining;

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DOL grants \$461K for Oregon workers	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091530.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091530.htm</a>	Press Release	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$461,300 grant to assist about 65 workers affected by layoffs at Weyerhaeuser Co. — Dallas Lumber, in Dallas, Ore. If a pending Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) petition for these workers is also approved, today's grant will provide "wrap-around" and supportive services, such as dependent care and transportation assistance, that are not available through the TAA program.</p>	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$461,300 grant to assist about 65 workers affected by layoffs at Weyerhaeuser Co. — Dallas Lumber, in Dallas, Ore.</p> <p>"Today's grant will help these Oregonians access the re-employment and retraining services that are so crucial to transitioning into new careers in promising sectors of the economy," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.</p> <p>Awarded to the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, this grant will be operated by the Enterprise for Employment and Education. If a pending Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) petition for these workers is also approved, today's grant will provide "wrap-around" and supportive services, such as dependent care and transportation assistance, that are not available through the TAA program. If the TAA petition is denied, workers still will have access to the full array of training and employment-related services under this grant.</p> <p>Layoffs at Weyerhaeuser took place in February and March 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>	12/14/2009 14:00	grant;Oregon;lumber;retraining;TAA;NEG;

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DOL certifies 4000 Ohio workers for TAA	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091543.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091543.htm</a>	Press Release	DOL certified approximately 4,000 Ohio workers in auto-related industries as eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance. Certification includes workers at 5 Delphi facilities across Ohio, Cleveland Casting Plant.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced that nearly 4,000 workers in auto-related industries across Ohio are eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA).</p> <p>The certification includes workers at five Delphi Ohio facilities in Howland, Warren, Rootstown, Vienna and Cortland counties, as well as workers at Cleveland Casting Plant in Cleveland, Ohio.</p> <p>"Over the years, our nation has benefited immensely from the work and dedication of those employed in auto-related industries across Ohio," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Trade Adjustment Assistance is one way we can support these workers as they seek re-employment in promising regional industries that pay family-supporting wages."</p> <p>"These TAA certifications will allow these auto workers to access much needed resources," said Dr. Ed Montgomery, executive director of the White House Council on Automotive Communities and Workers. "The White House council's priority is to work with Secretary Solis and other members of the administration to cut red tape so that workers and communities get the assistance they need today, while trying to create opportunities for growth and revitalization."</p> <p>Workers covered by these certifications will be contacted by their respective states with instructions on how to apply for</p>	12/14/2009 11:00	TAA;Ohio;auto-related;reemployment;

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Sec. Solis comments on Nov. employment data	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/opa/opa20091508.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/opa/opa20091508.htm</a>	Press Release	Sec. Solis issued the following statement on the November 2009 Employment Situation report released today. She said she encouraged by the pattern of moderated job loss; however, she will not be satisfied until there are robust job gains.	<p>U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis issued the following statement on the November 2009 Employment Situation report released today:</p> <p>"This past November, the economy lost 11,000 jobs, and the unemployment rate decreased to 10 percent.</p> <p>"I am encouraged by the pattern of moderated job loss; however, I will not be satisfied until there are robust job gains.</p> <p>"This administration is focused on jobs and job creation every day. We are working hard to sustain economic growth and spur renewed hiring for the millions of Americans who need and want work but cannot find it.</p> <p>"Over the past 10 months, the Obama Administration has taken bold steps to break the back of this recession. While there has been a lot of rhetoric about the Recovery Act, when you look at today's report and other recent favorable economic trends, it is hard to argue that the Recovery Act is not working.</p> <p>"Reports from the Council of Economic Advisors, Recovery Act recipients and most recently the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office confirm that the Recovery Act has saved or created more than one million jobs. The</p>	12/4/2009 10:00	unemployment rate;Nov.;decrease;recovery;

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DOL grants more than \$800K to Oregon workers	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091416.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091416.htm</a>	Press Release	DOL announces more than \$800,000 to assist workers in Oregon affected by lumber industry layoffs	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a grant of up to \$831,423 to assist approximately 75 workers affected by layoffs at Hampton Affiliates' Tillamook Lumber in Tillamook, Ore.</p> <p>"Today's grant will provide the retraining and re-employment services necessary for these Oregonians to upgrade existing skills or seek out retraining that leads to careers in growing regional industries," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.</p> <p>Awarded to the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, this grant will be operated by the Oregon Consortium and Oregon Workforce Alliance. 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, not available through the TAA program.</p> <p>Layoffs at Hampton Affiliates' Tillamook Lumber began on April 6. An initial increment of \$501,765 will be made available to serve these workers with the remainder of the funds distributed as the state demonstrates a continued need for assistance.</p> <p>This grant will be funded by resources made available for National Emergency Grants under the American Recovery</p>	12/3/2009 14:45	grant;Oregon;retraining;TAA;NEG;

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DOL provides \$2.4M grant to four states	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091423.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091423.htm</a>	Press Release	DOL announces \$2.4 million grant to provide Maryland, Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina workers with health insurance payments	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$2,422,473 grant to provide an estimated 1,892 jobless workers with partial premium payments for health insurance coverage.</p> <p>"Finding new employment is a challenging enough task without having to worry about lacking health coverage for yourself or your family. This funding will help eligible workers avoid that prospect by helping them pay for health insurance while they look for a job," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.</p> <p>The grant is awarded to the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, and will be administered in partnership with Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina to support eligible individuals from those states. The grant 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 HCTC, eligible individuals can receive 80 percent of premium costs for qualified health insurance programs.</p> <p>These payments cover the gap period, that is, the time it takes to complete Internal Revenue Service enrollment, processing and first payments under the HCTC program. The four states will provide two to three months of gap filler payments for the participants.</p>	12/1/2009 13:00	grant;Md;Ala;Miss;S.C.;NEG;health insurance;

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DOL grants \$741K for Oregon workers	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091417.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091417.htm</a>	Press Release	DOL announced a \$741,502 grant to assist approximately 164 workers affected by layoffs at 15 companies in multiple industries in the Oregon counties of Jackson and Josephine.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$741,502 grant to assist approximately 164 workers affected by layoffs at 15 companies in multiple industries in the Oregon counties of Jackson and Josephine.</p> <p>"This grant will provide the retraining and job-search assistance that affected workers in Oregon need and deserve as they strive to get ahead in a challenging economy," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.</p> <p>Awarded to the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, this grant will be operated by The Job Council. The grant will provide affected workers with access to dislocated worker services, which may include skills assessment, basic skills training, individual career counseling and occupational skills training.</p> <p>The project will emphasize post-secondary education and training that allow workers to acquire the skills needed to enter careers in promising regional industries. The program provider will seek to offer opportunities for training in green industries, as well as other nationally-defined demand occupations.</p> <p>Jackson and Josephine counties have been severely affected by the recession, with unemployment rates of 12.4 and 14.2 percent, respectively. Layoffs at the 15 companies covered by</p>	11/23/2009 14:30	grant;Oregon;layoffs;retraining;job search;

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DOL grants of \$55M for green jobs training	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091439.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091439.htm</a>	Press Release	Sec. Solis today announced nearly \$55 million in green jobs grants to support job training and labor market information programs to help workers, many in underserved communities, find jobs in expanding green industries and related occupations.	<p>U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis today announced nearly \$55 million in green jobs grants, as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The grants will support job training and labor market information programs to help workers, many in underserved communities, find jobs in expanding green industries and related occupations.</p> <p>"Today's announcement is part of the administration's long-term commitment to fostering both immediate economic growth and a clean energy future. It's an investment that will help American workers do well while doing good," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "These grants provide an immediate return, and they are part of a larger green initiative that will help lead to increased job placements and promote economic growth."</p> <p>The two categories of grant awards announced today are: State Labor Market Information Improvement Grants and Green Capacity Building Grants. Both will be administered by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration.</p> <p>Green Capacity Building Grants, totaling \$5.8 million, will increase the training capacity of 62 current Labor Department grant recipients through a variety of strategies, and will offer training opportunities to help individuals acquire jobs in</p>	11/18/2009 10:00	green jobs;grants;training;labor data;



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DOL grants \$394,000 for Maine layoffs	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091348.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20091348.htm</a>	Press Release	US DOL announces grant exceeding \$394,000 to assist workers affected by boat manufacturer layoffs in Maine	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$394,617 grant to assist about 60 workers affected by layoffs at The Hinckley Co., a leading producer of pleasure boats and yachts, in Trenton, Maine.</p> <p>"This grant will provide the retraining and job search assistance necessary for these Mainers to enter new careers in promising regional industries," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.</p> <p>Awarded to the Maine Department of Labor, this grant will be operated by the Eastern Maine Development Corp. The grant will provide affected workers with access to dislocated worker services including individualized career assessments and planning services, recruitment, case management, job skills training, basic computer skills training and job placement.</p> <p>Layoffs at The Hinckley Co. took place between October 2008 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 discretionary fund and are awarded based on a state's</p>	11/9/2009 12:00	grant;NEG;Maine;layoffs;training;

