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DOL announces \$190M for green jobs training	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta20100078.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta20100078.htm</a>	Press Release	US Department of Labor announces nearly \$190 million in State Energy Sector Partnership and Training Grants for green jobs. Department's 2010 investment in green jobs edges toward \$440 million mark in 3 weeks. The State Energy Sector Partnership and Training Grants are designed to teach workers the skills required in emerging industries, including energy efficiency and renewable energy. This set of green grants is the third awarded in as many weeks by the U.S. Department of Labor.	Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis today announced nearly \$190 million in green jobs training grants, as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). The State Energy Sector Partnership and Training Grants are designed to teach workers the skills required in emerging industries, including energy efficiency and renewable energy. This set of green grants is the third awarded in as many weeks by the U.S. Department of Labor. Less than a month into 2010, the department's investment in this growing area of the job marketplace is close to the \$440 million mark.  "These grants will help workers gain access to good jobs, while supporting the sort of statewide energy efficiency strategies that play a crucial role in building the green economy of the 21st century," said Secretary Solis.  Thirty-four awards ranging from approximately \$2 million to \$6 million each are being made to state workforce investment boards in partnership with their state workforce agencies, local workforce investment boards or regional consortia of boards, and One-Stop Career Center delivery systems. Through the grant awards announced today, program participants will receive the technical and occupational skills necessary to obtain industry recognized credentials.  These grants are designed to achieve the following goals:	1/25/2010 15:15	green jobs;training;grants;recovery;
DOL calls on states to apply for UI funding	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta20100115.htm">http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta20100115.htm</a>	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor today called on states to apply for more than \$4 billion in unemployment insurance modernization funding made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) for those states that expand access to unemployment benefits. These funds can be used by states to pay unemployment insurance benefits and may be used for other defined purposes if appropriated by state legislatures.	The U.S. Department of Labor today called on states to apply for more than \$4 billion in unemployment insurance modernization funding made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) for those states that expand access to unemployment benefits. These funds can be used by states to pay unemployment insurance benefits and may be used for other defined purposes if appropriated by state legislatures.  "Many states already have made the choice and updated their laws to reflect the changing needs of the nation's unemployed," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Those states that have not yet applied for funding should take this opportunity to assist the millions of individuals who are out of work through no fault of their own and who are in great need of assistance."  The Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act — enacted as part of the Recovery Act on Feb. 17, 2009 — provides for a special distribution of \$7 billion in unemployment compensation modernization incentive payments to states. A state must make an application to the Department of Labor demonstrating that state laws contain certain benefit eligibility provisions.  Currently, in some states, fewer than three out of 10 jobless workers qualify for unemployment benefits due, in part, to	1/29/2010 12:00PM	ui;funds;recovery;insurance;benefits;