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\$667,000 in UI Mod funds to USVI	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20101155.htm	Press Release	US Labor Department announces release of more than \$667,000 in unemployment insurance modernization incentive funds to US Virgin Islands	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$667,637 in unemployment insurance modernization incentive funds to the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Virgin Islands qualified for a portion of the territory's share of the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act by updating its unemployment law to allow workers to use recent earnings to qualify for benefits.</p> <p>"I applaud the U.S. Virgin Islands for updating its unemployment insurance laws to better meet the needs of workers across Saint Croix, Saint John, Saint Thomas, Water Island and other areas," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Many Virgin Islanders, who did not normally qualify for unemployment benefits, now will be eligible to receive this vital income support as they seek out new jobs."</p> <p>The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Labor can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, to administer its unemployment insurance program or deliver employment services.</p> <p>"We are extremely pleased by today's U.S. Labor Department announcement," said Gov. John P. de Jongh Jr. "My administration prioritized updating the UI program for the U.S. Virgin Islands, and we are confident the new law will be of great benefit to our workforce. I thank the secretary of labor for the release of unemployment insurance</p>	8/19/2010 1:00PM	unemployment; funding;

