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DOL releases over $130 million to Minnesota	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20090499.htm	Press Release	DOL released over $130M in UI incentive funds to Minnesota under ARRA. The state Department of Employment and Economic Development can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or to administer its unemployment insurance program. The UI funds are a critical investment in Minnesota families who have been hurt by the economy. Sec. Solis said "Minnesota is helping unemployed workers who have entered the workforce recently, work part time or have become unemployed because of compelling family reasons — eligibility provisions of particular importance to women."	WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release $130,063,620 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Minnesota. Minnesota 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. Minnesota's approved application will be posted at the department's Employment and Training Administration Web site at http://www.dol.gov/recovery/. "Minnesota 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. "Minnesota is helping unemployed workers who have entered the workforce recently, work part time or have become unemployed because of compelling family reasons — eligibility provisions of particular importance to women." The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance program or delive State and federal officials had the following comments about "During this difficult economic time, our state is committed t	05/06/2009 05:30PM	UI funds;Minnesota;incentive;training;jobs;

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