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DOL releases \$70.8M in funds to Iowa	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090618.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor has certified for release \$70,814,387 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Iowa. Iowa qualified for the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by enacting new provisions that assist recent entrants to the workforce, part-time workers and people who are upgrading their skills. Sec. Solis commended Iowa for making important updates to its UI program to better meet the needs of the 21st century workforce. Iowa Workforce Development can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the state legislature, for administering its	The U.S. Department of Labor has certified for release \$70,814,387 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Iowa. Iowa qualified for the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by enacting new provisions that assist recent entrants to the workforce, part-time workers and people who are upgrading their skills. "Iowa is to be commended for making important updates to its UI program to better meet the needs of the 21st century workforce," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Iowa is helping unemployed workers who have entered the workforce recently, work part-time or need training to become re-employed." Iowa Workforce Development can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the state legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance program or delivering employment services. State and federal officials had the following comments about this announcement: "I have long believed that a core principal of economic recovery is putting money in the hands of unemployed workers." "As governor, my top priority is putting people back to work, r	6/4/2009 12:30	workers;training;iowa;incentive;fund s;

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DOL releases \$9.2M to District of Columbia	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090627.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$9,210,994 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the District of Columbia. The District of Columbia 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. "The District of Columbia's long-standing decision to use recent wages when determining eligibility for benefits helps to ensure that the needs of the 21st century labor force are met," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "It is the right thing to do for workers and is good for economic recovery."	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$9,210,994 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the District of Columbia. The District of Columbia 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.</p> <p>"The District of Columbia's long-standing decision to use recent wages when determining eligibility for benefits helps to ensure that the needs of the 21st century labor force are met," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "It is the right thing to do for workers and is good for economic recovery."</p> <p>The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the council, for administering its unemployment insurance program or delivering employment services.</p> <p>"We applaud the Department of Labor for supporting the district as we strive to provide exemplary employment-related services to those who need them the most during this economic crisis," said D.C. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty. "These new funds will help the district's quick and commendable action to qualify 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."</p>	6/4/2009 17:15	UI;incentive funds;District of Columbia;

