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| Sec. Solis comments on May 2009 numbers | http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/opa/opa20090644.htm | Press Release | U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis issued the following statement on the May 2009 Employment Situation report released today: "This past May, our economy lost 345,000 jobs, bringing the total number of jobs lost since this recession began to 6 million. The overall unemployment rate increased to 9.4 percent. Americans all across the country continue to face adversity during this economic downturn. Today's findings continue to illustrate and underscore the needs of working families. That struggle is the single-most important focus of this administration. | U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis issued the following statement on the May 2009 Employment Situation report released today: "This past May, our economy lost 345,000 jobs, bringing the total number of jobs lost since this recession began to 6 million. The overall unemployment rate increased to 9.4 percent. "Americans all across the country continue to face adversity during this economic downturn. Today's findings continue to illustrate and underscore the needs of working families. That struggle is the single-most important focus of this administration. "We continue to move swiftly and aggressively to protect workers who have lost their jobs, to provide new training opportunities, to assist workers in upgrading their skills and to open new employment in emerging sectors such as green jobs and health information technology. "To underscore our commitment, the Department of Labor has moved aggressively to implement the Recovery Act by providing nearly \$3 billion in formula grants to states and local governments for employment and training activities directed to adults, youth and dislocated workers; \$1.3 billion i | 6/5/2009 10:15 | unemployment;adversity;recovery;workers; |
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| DOL releases \$220.3M in funds to Georgia | http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090642.htm | Press Release | The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$220,286,144 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Georgia. Georgia qualified for the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by providing for a variety of provisions that assist recent entrants to the workforce, part time workers and people who are upgrading their skills. The Georgia Department of Labor can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance program or delivering employment services. | <p>The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release \$220,286,144 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Georgia. Georgia qualified for the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by providing for a variety of provisions that assist recent entrants to the workforce, part time workers and people who are upgrading their skills.</p> <p>"Georgia 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. "The UI modernization provisions adopted in Georgia help unemployed workers who have entered the workforce recently, work part time or need training to become re-employed receive the benefits they need and deserve."</p> <p>The Georgia Department of Labor can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance program or delivering employment services.</p> <p>The Recovery Act made a total of \$7 billion available in UI modernization incentive payments to states that include certa</p> | 6/5/2009 12:40 | workers;training;Georgia;incentive;funds; |

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| DOL releases \$28.5M to Oregon | http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090628.htm | Press Release | <p>The U.S. Department of Labor has certified for release \$28,524,880 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Oregon. Oregon 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>"Oregon has updated its UI program to better meet the needs of the 21st century workforce," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "By using recent wages when determining eligibility for benefits, Oregon enables relatively new entrants to the workforce to receive the assistance they need and deserve when they lose their jobs."</p> | <p>The U.S. Department of Labor has certified for release \$28,524,880 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Oregon. Oregon 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>"Oregon has updated its UI program to better meet the needs of the 21st century workforce," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "By using recent wages when determining eligibility for benefits, Oregon enables relatively new entrants to the workforce to receive the assistance they need and deserve when they lose their jobs."</p> <p>The Oregon Employment Department can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance program or delivering employment services.</p> <p>"Together, the state and federal government have made a difference in the lives of 6,000 unemployed Oregonians," said Gov. Ted Kulongoski. "With the changes in state law and federal funds, these Oregonians will better be able to make er</p> <p>"This economy has been just as hard on workers new to the w</p> <p>"Hundreds of thousands of Oregonians are currently looking f</p> | 6/5/2009 12:40 | workers;UI;Oregon;incentive;trainin g; |

