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DOL releases $69.4M in UI funds to Michigan	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090697.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor has certified for release $69,427,524 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Michigan. Michigan 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 U.S. Department of Labor has certified for release $69,427,524 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Michigan. Michigan qualified for the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) by allowing	The U.S. Department of Labor has certified for release $69,427,524 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Michigan. Michigan 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. "Providing an economic safety net to workers who have entered the workforce recently and lost their jobs through no fault of their own is very important, especially in states like Michigan that have been hit particularly hard by the recession," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "It is the right thing to do for workers and it's good for the state's economic recovery." The state can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance program or delivering employment services. The Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth intends to use the funds to support increased unemployment service capacity and technology improvements in the state's unemployment insurance agency. "These Recovery funds will help us streamline and speed up th The Recovery Act made a total of $7 billion available in UI moc	6/18/2009 10:00	funds;UI;Michigan;incentive;workers;modernization;