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DOL releases $5.2M in UI funds to Alaska	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090736.htm	Press Release	U.S. Labor Department announces release of $5.2 million in unemployment insurance modernization incentive funds to Alaska. Alaska qualified for a portion of its share of 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 Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development 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 U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release $5,206,411 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of Alaska. Alaska qualified for a portion of its share of 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. "Alaska updated its unemployment program to better meet the needs of the 21st century workforce by enabling recent entrants to the workforce to be eligible for unemployment benefits," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Now more than ever, it is critical that workers and their families receive the benefits they need and deserve." The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development can use the funds to pay unemployment benefits or, if appropriated by the legislature, for administering its unemployment insurance program or delivering employment services. "Like every other state in America, Alaska is feeling the effects of the international recession, so these unemployment funds will come in handy for those Alaskans w The Recovery Act made a total of $7 billion available in UI mod	6/25/2009 15:00	incentive;funds;Alaska;workers;unemployment;