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DOL releases UI funds of $13M to New Mexico	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090771.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release $13,007,527 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of New Mexico. New Mexico 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 U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release $13,007,527 in unemployment insurance (UI) modernization incentive funds to the state of New Mexico. New Mexico 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. "By using recent wages when determining eligibility for benefits, New Mexico's UI program is recognizing the needs of the 21st century workforce," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "New Mexico's law is especially helpful to unemployed workers who are recent entrants to the workforce and who might not otherwise qualify for benefits." The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions 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 Recovery Act made a total of $7 billion available in UI modernization incentive payments to states that include certain eligibility provisions in their UI programs. Each state ca	6/30/2009 16:00	incentive;funds;New Mexico;workers;unemployment;