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		Release, Video, Press	main communications			present the news items (separate
		Event, Other)	points			tags with ";")
DOL announces \$225M in	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/pr	Press Release	US Department of Labor	The U.S. Department of Labor today announced more than	2/12/2010 13:30	health care;training;grants;auto
health care grants	ess/eta/eta20100177.htm		announces more than \$225	\$225 million in health care and high growth training grants		layoffs;
			million in health care and	funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of		
			high growth grants. 47,000	2009. The grants will allow community colleges, community-		
			people will take part in	based organizations, state workforce agencies and other		
			training and education. The	public entities to deliver training that leads to employment in		
			grants will allow	a range of health care fields and other growing industries.		
			community colleges,	With today's announcement, organizations in all 50 states		
			community-based	have received a share of nearly \$750 million in competitive		
			organizations, state	grant funding made available through the Department of		
			workforce agencies and	Labor.		
			other public entities to			
			deliver training that leads	"The Recovery Act's investments are making a positive		
			to employment in a range	difference in the lives of America's working families," said		
			of health care fields and	Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "The Recovery Act funded		
			other growing industries.	grants announced today will ensure thousands of workers		
			With today's	across the nation can receive high-quality training and		
			announcement,	employment services, which will lead to good jobs in health		
			organizations in all 50	care and other industries offering career-track employment		
			states have received a	and good pay and benefits."		
			share of nearly \$750 million			
			in competitive grant	While grantees will serve a wide range of workers, each		
			funding made available	project will focus on targeted regional populations.		
			through the Department of	Approximately \$25 million is reserved for projects serving		
			Labor.	communities impacted by automotive industry restructuring.		
				"With these funds announced today, workers in communities		
				hardest hit by auto layoffs will receive additional resources to	.1	

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Sec. Solis' statement on January 2010 numbers	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/opa/opa20100179.htm	Press Release	U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis issued the following statement on the January 2010 Employment Situation report released today. This past January, the economy lost 20,000 jobs, and the unemployment rate dropped to 9.7 percent. "While today's report shows positive signs that the economy is moving in the right direction, the numbers underscore that we still have work to do to get Americans back to work."	U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis issued the following statement on the January 2010 Employment Situation report released today: "This past January, the economy lost 20,000 jobs, and the unemployment rate dropped to 9.7 percent. "While today's report shows positive signs that the economy is moving in the right direction, the numbers underscore that we still have work to do to get Americans back to work. "The president has made it clear that job creation is our number one focus in 2010. The president has proposed a broad approach toward job creation that includes assistance for small businesses, large-scale infrastructure projects, and investments in clean energy. "To get small businesses growing again, and growing our economy, the president has emphasized a focus on small businesses. Today, he'll outline his plan to help small businesses get access to credit to increase working capital, and the funds necessary for small business owners to grow their businesses. "The president has also proposed a Small Business Jobs and Wages Tax Cut to encourage small businesses to add employees and to expand wages. The new jobs tax credit		rate dropped;jobs;small business;training;

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DOL announces \$880k grant to Maine workers	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/pr ess/eta/eta20100154.htm	Press Release	first payments under the	The U.S. Department of Labor today announced an \$880,000 grant to provide an estimated 800 jobless workers in Maine with partial premium payments for health insurance coverage. "Unemployment and lack of health insurance are twin obstacles for workers who are seeking out new careers," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "This grant will help eligible workers pay for health insurance while they upgrade existing skills or seek out new careers in promising industries." Awarded to the Maine Department of Labor, this grant will be used to make "gap filler" payments for unemployed individuals who are receiving Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits and are eligible for the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) program. Under HCTC, eligible individuals can receive 80 percent of premium costs for qualified health insurance programs. These payments cover the gap period, or the time it takes to complete Internal Revenue Service enrollment, processing and first payments under the HCTC program. The state of Maine will provide up to three months of gap filler payments for the participants. This grant is being funded by resources made available for health coverage National Emergency Grants under the	2/4/2010 4:00PM	grant;Maine;health payments;HCTC;
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