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Sec. Solis issues statement on COBRA programs	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/opa/OPA20100262.htm	Press Release	Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis issued a statement of on legislation to extend unemployment insurance, COBRA safety net programs. "I am disappointed that partisan politics have been interjected into this essential extension. The American people need and deserve better. We cannot stop supporting workers who desperately seek jobs but in many cases simply cannot find them. "	Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis today issued the following statement: "It is essential that Congress extend the unemployment insurance and COBRA safety net programs that are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act past their current expiration date of Feb. 28. If Emergency Unemployment Compensation and full federal funding of the Extended Benefit program are not extended, 400,000 Americans will lose these vital benefits during the first couple of weeks in March. By May, nearly 3 million people would be left without these benefits. Furthermore, if the Recovery Act COBRA subsidy is not extended, thousands of families will lose access to affordable health care. "I am disappointed that partisan politics have been interjected into this essential extension. The American people need and deserve better. We cannot stop supporting workers who desperately seek jobs but in many cases simply cannot find them. For many households with an unemployed worker, these benefits are the only thing that allows them to keep paying the bills and supporting their families as they look for new employment. "In addition to providing relief to millions of unemployed, extending these benefits is vital to recovery. According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, benefit programs	2/26/2010 14:30	COBRA;insurance;safety net;recovery;benefits;

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DOL announces \$1.3M grant for Idaho workers	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100226.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$1,324,672 grant to assist about 275 workers affected by layoffs at Dell Computer's call center in Twin Falls, Idaho. "This grant will provide important re-employment and retraining services to help workers in Idaho access job opportunities in expanding fields," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. An Idaho Department of Labor analysis indicates possible upcoming job vacancies in nursing, elementary and secondary education, and general and operations managerial occupations.	<p>The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$1,324,672 grant to assist about 275 workers affected by layoffs at Dell Computer's call center in Twin Falls, Idaho.</p> <p>"This grant will provide important re-employment and retraining services to help workers in Idaho access job opportunities in expanding fields," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.</p> <p>Awarded to and operated by the Idaho Department of Labor, this grant will provide affected workers with access to dislocated worker services. These services may include skills assessment, basic skills training, individual career counseling and occupational skills training.</p> <p>An Idaho Department of Labor analysis indicates possible upcoming job vacancies in nursing, elementary and secondary education, and general and operations managerial occupations.</p> <p>Layoffs at Dell's Twin Falls call center began in November 2009 and continued through January 2010 with the facility's closure. Of the \$1,324,672 announced today, \$614,808 will be released initially. Additional funding up to the amount approved will be made available as the state demonstrates a continued need for assistance.</p>	2/24/2010 15:30	grant;Idaho;layoffs;recovery;training;NEG;

