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| DOLgrants \$297k for Georgia jobless workers | http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100242.htm | Press Release | affect a family's health and safety," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Jane Oates. "This grant will help provide peace of mind | The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$297,000 grant to provide an estimated 280 jobless workers with partial premium payments for health insurance coverage. "Unemployment should not affect a family's health and safety," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Jane Oates. "This grant will help provide peace of mind by assisting eligible workers with health insurance premium payments while they look for new jobs." Awarded to the Georgia Department of Labor, this grant will be used to make "gap filler" payments for unemployed individuals who are receiving Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) benefits and are eligible for the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) program. Under the program, eligible individuals can receive 80 percent of premium costs for qualified health insurance programs. These payments cover the gap period, that is, the month(s) to complete Internal Revenue Service enrollment, processing and first payments under the HCTC program. This grant will be funded by resources made available for health coverage National Emergency Grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. | | grant;jobless;health coverage;TAA;Georgia; |

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| DOL gives \$787k grant to Minnesota workers | http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100260.htm | Press Release | "While we are seeing positive signs in our economy, we won't be satisfied until all unemployed workers are able to quickly prepare for and enter good jobs that lead to long-term careers," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Today's grant will provide these Minnesotans with the re- | The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$786,901 grant to assist about 183 workers affected by layoffs at BAE Systems Inc. in Fridley, Minn. "While we are seeing positive signs in our economy, we won't be satisfied until all unemployed workers are able to quickly prepare for and enter good jobs that lead to long-term careers," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Today's grant will provide these Minnesotans with the re-employment and retraining services necessary to find new jobs in promising industries," Awarded to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, this grant will be operated by Career Management Services. The 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. Layoffs at BAE Systems Inc. occurred between July and December 2009 following the company's loss of a large U.S. Department of Defense contract. This grant will be funded by resources made available for National Emergency Grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. | | grant;NEG;Minnesota;defense industry;training |

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| Solis testifies before House appropriations | http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/pr ess/opa/OPA20100310.htm | Press Release | announced administration's support for another \$2 billion in training and youth employment. The Secretary | Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis today testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies. Secretary Solis presented the department's fiscal year 2011 budget request and highlighted why the funding is vital to the nation's ongoing economic recovery. "This administration wants to ensure that investments in job creation will continue until the labor market fully recovers from the economic downturn," said Secretary Solis. "Workers and their families are hurting in these tough economic times. We know that job opportunities and economic security are of utmost importance to Americans." Last summer, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act created more than 300,000 summer jobs for at-risk youth. Local areas can expand the program to create up to 350,000 jobs this summer, providing work experience to help young people build their futures and income their families can use in a weak economy. This goal can be accomplished with an additional investment of \$1.2 billion investment in summer and youth employment, including \$150 million for competitive grants. The department also supports an additional \$500 million to expand on-the-job training, refresh the skills of the long-term unemployed and link them to real employment opportunities as the economy rebounds. | | 2011 budget;recovery;investment;funding; |
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