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Sec. Solis states need to extend UI and COBRA	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/pr ess/opa/OPA20100409.htm	Press Release	U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis today issued the following statement: "I am deeply disappointed that the Senate was prevented from taking action on legislation to extend funding for unemployment insurance and the COBRA subsidy. There is no room for partisan roadblocks when Americans are depending on their government's action and the stakes are this high."	Editor's Note: The U.S. Senate recessed today, March 26, without approving legislation that would have extended emergency unemployment insurance benefits for workers who have lost their jobs and health insurance subsidies under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act. Funding for the programs is scheduled to expire on April 3, 2010, and eligibility for the COBRA subsidy will expire on March 31, 2010.  WASHINGTON — U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis today issued the following statement:  "I am deeply disappointed that the Senate was prevented from taking action on legislation to extend funding for unemployment insurance and the COBRA subsidy. There is no room for partisan roadblocks when Americans are depending on their government's action and the stakes are this high.  "Beginning in early April, large numbers of workers will face the loss of essential benefits. Unemployment insurance recipients will not be able to move from regular state unemployment programs into Emergency Unemployment Compensation, and in some cases, individuals may stop receiving benefits outright.  "Without an extension of funding for EUC and full federal funding of the Extended Benefit program, nearly 38,000		COBRA;UI;extended benefits;recovery;vote;

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DOL creates \$13.6M grant to Wisconsin workers	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/pr ess/eta/eta20100384.htm	Press Release	recovery are this administration's top priorities. We recognize that those goals will not be realized — in Wisconsin and throughout the nation — until workers who have been laid off are able to quickly gain the skills and services they need to enter	The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$13,614,919 grant to assist about 2,817 workers affected by layoffs at multiple companies in Wisconsin, primarily in the manufacturing sector.  "Job creation and economic recovery are this administration's top priorities. We recognize that those goals will not be realized — in Wisconsin and throughout the nation — until workers who have been laid off are able to quickly gain the skills and services they need to enter good jobs with real stability and opportunities for advancement," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.  Awarded to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, this grant will be operated by the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board; the Milwaukee Area Workforce Development Board; the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board; Northwest Wisconsin CEP Inc.; the Southeast Wisconsin Workforce Development Board; Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington Workforce Development Board; Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin; and Workforce Resource Inc.  A number of the workers included in this grant also are certified as eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance and	NEG;grant;Wisconsin,recovery;TAA;

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DOL announces \$1.7M grant for Alabama	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/pr ess/eta/eta20100387.htm	Press Release	The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$1,700,000 grant to assist approximately 319 workers affected by documented and projected layoffs from multiple companies in a defined regional economy in the southwest portion of Alabama. The region is comprised of Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington counties.	Alabama. The region is comprised of Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington counties.  "Job creation and economic recovery are this administration's top priorities. We recognize that those goals will not be realized until workers who have been laid off, or who are facing layoffs, are able to quickly gain the skills they need to		NEG;grant;Alabama,recovery;TAA;

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DOL improve funding for	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/pr	Press Release	The U.S. Department of	The U.S. Department of Labor today unveiled a new	4/2/2010 14:30	Trade Adjustment
TAA training funds	ess/eta/eta20100379.htm		Labor today unveiled a new	regulation that is the first substantive rulemaking on the		Assistance; funding; states;
			regulation that is the first	Trade Adjustment Assistance program in more than 15 years.		
			substantive rulemaking on the Trade Adjustment	The rule will implement changes to the TAA funding formula, as required by the Trade and Globalization Adjustment		
				Assistance Act of 2009, which is part of the American		
			than 15 years. The rule will	Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These changes to		
			implement changes to the	the funding formula will improve the way the department		
			TAA funding formula, as	provides TAA funding to states. The rule also requires that		
			required by the Trade and	TAA-funded personnel administering services and benefits to		
			Globalization Adjustment	workers covered by certifications be state employees covered		
			Assistance Act of 2009, which is part of the	by a merit system of personnel administration.		
			American Recovery and	The rule is published in today's edition of the Federal Register		
			Reinvestment Act of 2009.	and will go into effect on May 3. In response to comments		
			These changes to the	received on the proposed rule, the department has adopted a		
			funding formula will	longer transition period with a deadline of Dec. 15, 2010, for		
			improve the way the	states to comply with the merit staffing requirements.		
			department provides TAA			
			funding to states.	To view more details about this rule, visit:		
				http://www.dol.gov/regulations.		
				The new formula provides states with a predictable level of		
				funding at the start of a fiscal year and allows for additional allocations of funds as needed. This funding approach		
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