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| $26M in UI mod incentive funds to New Mexico | http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100703.htm | Press Release | US Labor Department announces $26 million in unemployment insurance modernization incentive funds to New Mexico | The U.S. Department of Labor today certified for release $26,015,055 in unemployment insurance modernization incentive funds to the state of New Mexico. New Mexico qualified for the remaining two-thirds of its share of the funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act by allowing certain part-time workers to claim UI benefits and by providing dependents' allowances for all UI beneficiaries.<br><br>"New Mexico's UI program recognizes the needs of the 21st century workforce by extending benefits to part-time workers who were formerly ineligible to apply," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Workers with families, too, will benefit as they receive additional compensation based on the number of dependents they have."<br><br>The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions can use funds announced today to pay unemployment benefits. Funds may also be used to administer the state's unemployment insurance program or deliver employment services if appropriated by the state's legislature.<br><br>"Although we're seeing signs of economic recovery, times are still very tough for displaced New Mexico workers on the front lines of this recession, and we must do everything we can to help them pull through," said Sen. Tom Udall. "This additional funding will allow the state of New Mexico to | 5/19/2010 2:00PM | UI modernization;unemployment;funds; |

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