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U.S. Department Of Labor Proposal Clarifies FMLA Rules For Workers, Employers & Military Families

<http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/02-08-2008/0004752419&EDATE=>

Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Budget for U.S. Department of Labor

- Reduce employment and training programs by \$1.3 billion;
- Consolidate the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding for adults, dislocated workers, and youth programs into one funding stream called Career Advancement Accounts;
- Increase funding for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by 9 percent; (BLS had to cancel their LMI conference for 2008 due to budget cuts.)
- The budget proposal eliminates funding for the Wagner-Peyser Employment State Grants.

<http://www.dol.gov/sec/budget2009/bib.htm>

TANF: On February 8, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published final rules implementing changes to the TANF program -

<http://www.workforceatm.org/sections/pdf/2008/tanfnotice.pdf>

2008 Stimulus Package: Bush signs stimulus package into law: Rebates of \$300 to \$1,200 go out beginning in May

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/23143814>

Veterans and 2008 Stimulus Package Payments: IRS Instructions for Recipients of Certain Veterans' Benefits

<http://www.irs.gov/irs/article/0,,id=179096,00.html>

Readers Stumped by Tax Rebate Riddles: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/23212045/>

How Much Do I Get From the Tax Rebate Plan? - <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/23075438/>

Immigration Legislation Gains Appeals Court Backing

<http://pressjournal.stltoday.com/articles/2008/02/15/news/sj2tn20080205-0206prj-vpsuit.ii1.txt>

Latinos Caught Off Guard by Immigration Legislation (Utah)

<http://www.americanconservativedaily.com/2008/02/latinos-caught-off-guard-by-immigration-legislation/>

Missouri Governor Blunt Highlights Report Showing High Performance In Workforce Systems

http://www.workerscompensationinfo.com/press/articles/article.php?article_id=887&printer=1