USA Today **reports** that the states that have been struggling the most during this recession have received disproportionately fewer stimulus contracts from the federal government - even though the ostensible purpose of the stimulus was the create jobs, and to target aid to those areas where the economic crisis was particularly acute.

States hit hardest by the recession received only a few of the government's first stimulus contracts, even though the glut of new federal spending was meant to target places where the economic pain has been particularly severe.

*Nationwide, federal agencies have awarded nearly **$4 billion** in contracts to help jump-start the economy since President Obama signed the massive stimulus package in February. But, with few exceptions, that money has not reached states where the unemployment rate is highest, according to a USA TODAY review of contracts disclosed through the Federal Procurement Data System.*

Indiana, with a statewide unemployment rate of 9.9%, has been awarded $1,826,718 which comes out to $0.29 spending per-capita.