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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **REBECCA J. CALZADO**
Officer-in-Charge
Policy, Programs and International Relations

THRU : **VIOLETA D. ILLESCAS**
Director
Financial Management Service

FROM : **MA. CRISELDA R. SY** 
Director

SUBJECT : **Conduct of the 2007/2008 BLES Integrated Survey and
2008 Occupational Wages Survey**

DATE : **July 3, 2008**

BACKGROUND:

1. The Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics (BLES) will be conducting joint survey operations for the 2007/2008 BLES Integrated Survey (BITS) and the 2008 Occupational Wages Survey (OWS). This is to rationalize data collection activities for the purpose of providing our users with an integrated data set on key labor and employment indicators.
2. The BITS is a nationwide establishment survey and now on its fourth run, aims to generate an integrated data set on employment of specific groups of workers, occupational shortages and surpluses, safety and health practices, occupational injuries and diseases and labor cost of employees.
3. The OWS, which is also a nationwide establishment survey, focuses on employment and wage rates (actual and hiring) of time-rate workers on full time basis in selected occupations in selected non-agricultural industries. It also inquires on the distribution of time-rate workers across basic pay and allowance intervals.
4. The authority to conduct surveys is mandated under EO 126 that created the BLES. Further, EO 352 designates OWS as one of the statistical activities that will generate critical data for decision-making of the government and the private sector. The data category average monthly occupational wage rate of selected occupations is one of the variables listed by the Philippine government under the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) of the International Monetary Fund. The SDDS serves

as reference to member countries in the dissemination of economic and financial data.

5. Field operations for these surveys shall start on *August 15, 2008*.
6. There are 6,460 establishments to be covered by the surveys. Of this total, 3,220 are located in NCR while 3,240 are in regions outside NCR.
7. For this purpose, the BLES will hire a total of 70 Project-Based Individuals (PBIs) as field enumerators to undertake supervision, data collection and field editing in NCR. The BLES shall also hire, through the DOLE Regional Offices (except NCR), a total of 87 PBIs to undertake the same activities in regions outside NCR.
8. The amount of ₱ 5.059 million has been allocated for the nationwide conduct of these surveys. Of this amount, ₱ 2.639 million shall be provided to the DOLE Regional Offices (except NCR) as interfund transfer.
9. Results of the OWS will be available in August 2009 while those of BITS in November 2009.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Certification of funds availability for the conduct of the 2007/2008 BITS and 2008 OWS

Recommending Approval:


MA. CRISELDA R. SY
Director
Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics

Certified Availability of Funds:


RICHELDA L. BALLAD
Chief Accountant

Approved by:


REBECCA J. CALZADO 07 July 2008
Officer-in-Charge
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Attachments:
BLES Work and Financial Plan 2008
2007/2008 BITS and 2008 OWS Work and Financial Plans (Tables 1-5)

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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE

RE : Conduct of the 2007/2008 BLES Integrated Survey and
2008 Occupational Wages Survey

DATE : July 3, 2008

The Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics (BLES) will be conducting simultaneously the 2007/2008 BLES Integrated Survey (BITS) and the 2008 Occupational Wages Survey (OWS) in August this year. This is to rationalize data collection activities for the purpose of providing our users with an integrated data set on key labor and employment indicators.

For this purpose, all Regional Offices (except NCR), in behalf of BLES, shall hire Project-Based Individuals (PBIs) to conduct field operations for these surveys in their respective areas based on the attached Work and Financial Plan. The recruitment of PBIs should be completed by August 15 to allow sufficient time for training and distribution of workload in time for the start of field operations in September 2008.

Interfund transfer shall be facilitated by the Financial and Management Service and executed in favor of the regional offices not later than the end of July 2008 to defray expenses for the survey, including those incurred for the two-day briefing on field operations. The DOLE-ROs should liquidate this interfund transfer not later than January 15, 2009.

A briefing on field operations for the BITS and the OWS shall be conducted by the BLES for concerned regional staff and enumerators in August 2008. The BLES shall communicate directly to the Regional Offices regarding the regional training schedules.

For compliance.


REBECCA J. CALZADO
Officer-in-Charge 07 July 2008
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