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**NSCB ACTION NOTIFICATION FORM**

Ref. No. PP1-042110-30

26 April 2010

**Ms. TERESA V. PERALTA**

OIC-Director  
Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics  
Department of Labor and Employment  
3/F DOLE Bldg., Gen. Luna St., Intramuros, Manila

Dear **Director Peralta**:

In reply to your request for renewal of the clearance of the *Occupational Wages Survey (OWS)*, please find below the clearance number assigned to the survey instrument. The approval number and expiration date should be printed or stamped on the upper right corner of the first page of the final questionnaire. We acknowledge with thanks the following documents received from your office and which were used as basis for our evaluation:

<u>NSCB Ref. No.</u>	<u>Title of Document</u>	<u>Format Received</u>	<u>Date Received</u>
SSRCS-2010-03-201	Agency transmittal letter dated March 19, 2010	hard copy	March 23, 2010
SSRCS-2010-03-202	SSRCS Form 1. Statistical Survey Notification Form	hard copy	March 23, 2010
SSRCS-2010-03-203	2010 OWS Questionnaire	hard copy	March 23, 2010
SSRCS-2010-03-204	Reply to NSCB Technical Staff's Remarks on the 2008 OWS	e-copy	March 30, 2010

We have included under Remarks the comments/suggestions made by the NSCB Technical Staff on the survey for your consideration. We will appreciate receiving feedback on these comments.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in our endeavour to improve the quality of surveys conducted by government agencies.

Very truly yours,

  
**ROMULO A. VIROLA**  
Secretary General

Title of statistical survey	
<b>2010 OCCUPATIONAL WAGES SURVEY (OWS)</b>	
Proponent agency	Conducting agency
Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics	Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics
<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CLEARANCE GRANTED</b>, subject to the following final action:</p> <p>i) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All information enclosed in the box/es below must be printed or stamped on the upper right corner of the first page of the statistical survey form.</p>	

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Questionnaire Title: 2010 Occupational Wages Survey

**NSCB Approval No. BLES- 1007-01**

**Expires June 30, 2011**

- ii)  Submit a copy of the printed forms/questionnaires with the clearance number to the Programs, Policies and Standards Office, NSCB.
- iii)  Others. (Specify)
- Please furnish the NSCB copies of the final documents for the Questionnaire and Enumeration Manual as well as survey results.
  - The survey design and instrument shall be subject to review should there be any changes made prior to the expiration of the clearance granted. Furthermore, in line with the thrust of the Technical Committee on Survey Design to review total survey error, said survey may be reviewed by the Committee anytime. In view of this, there may be recommended revisions even before the clearance has expired.

2  **DISAPPROVED**, for the following reasons:

3  **REMARKS**

The following are the comments/suggestions of the NSCB Technical Staff on the survey:

1. While the 2010 OWS sample size has been estimated to decrease to 6,460 establishments compared to 7,630 establishments in the 2008 OWS due to the ongoing cleaning/updating of the sampling frame, which involves deleting those establishments with spoilage status based on the survey round, as confirmed with BLES, it is suggested that clarifications on the changes in the sample size be stated in the future documents for review.

Further, please forward to us the information on the final sample size as soon as the updating of the sampling frame is done.

2. It is suggested that the industries in which establishments are sampled with certainty be included in the Technical Notes of the survey results for guidance of the data users.
3. In the 2008 OWS, emerging industries engaged in BPO and Research and Development were included. While industries engaged in BPO such as call center activities, medical transcription, outsourcing, animated films, and cartoon production will also be covered in the 2010 OWS and are now regular domains of the OWS, per communication with BLES, such information was not indicated in the survey documents submitted to NSCB. Furthermore, it is not clear whether industries in R&D will again be covered in the 2010 OWS. Hence, it is suggested that the emerging industries to be covered in the survey be explicitly stated in the documents for review.
4. Please include *pay workers get in emergency conditions* in the major data items to be collected.
5. While we were provided by BLES with a list of items justifying the substantial increase in the estimated cost of survey conduct this year for the 2010 OWS and the 2009/2010 BLES Integrated Survey (BITS) compared with the past survey conduct, it is recommended that the BLES submit a list of items with corresponding cost for each item to provide more details in its survey proposal.
6. The 2009 Philippine Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC) was approved by the NSCB Executive Board in its meeting last February 10, 2010 for adoption for all agencies. We recommend that this be adopted in the 2010 OWS.
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7. On the questionnaire:

- a. In Part B.1. columns 2, 4 and 6, it is suggested that disaggregation by sex be provided on the number of time-rate workers on full-time basis.
- b. Please include a question on the number of work hours for each occupation to come up with a productivity measure.

8. On the list of tables/outputs to be generated, please include the following:

- a. Average monthly wage rates of time-rate workers on full-time basis in selected industries and occupations by region
- b. Average monthly wage rates of benchmark occupations in non-agricultural industries by region
- c. Percent distribution of time-rate workers on full-time basis by basic pay, allowances and sex
- d. Percent distribution of time-rate workers on full-time basis by industry and sex
- e. Percent distribution of time-rate workers by type of worker

**REVIEWING OFFICIAL**

**RECOMMENDING OFFICIAL**

  
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OIC-Chief

*Programs, Policies and Advocacy Division  
26 April 2010*

  
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Officer-in-charge

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