

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **NENITA O. GARCIA**
Director
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FROM : **TERESA V. PERALTA**
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SUBJECT : **Conduct of the 2011/2012 BLES Integrated Survey
and 2012 Occupational Wages Survey**

DATE : **June 5, 2012**

BACKGROUND:

1. The Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics will be conducting simultaneously the 2011/2012 BLES Integrated Survey (BITS) and the 2012 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 OWS is a nationwide establishment survey that focuses on employment and wage rates of time-rate workers on full-time basis in selected occupations in selected industries. It also inquires on the distribution of time-rate workers across basic pay and allowance intervals.
3. The BITS, which is also a nationwide establishment survey, aims to generate integrated data sets on employment of specific groups of workers; occupational shortages and surpluses; training of workers; recruitment and hiring practices for entry-level jobs; occupational safety and health practices; Awareness of the Employees' Compensation Program; and occupational injuries and diseases.
4. The conduct of the OWS and BITS is mandated under EO 126 (creating the BLES), which authorizes the BLES to conduct nationwide surveys and studies that will generate trends and structures on labor and employment. 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 also 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 in July 2012.
6. There are 7,061 establishments to be covered by both surveys. Of the total, 3,661 are located in NCR while 3,400 are in regions outside NCR.
7. For this purpose, the BLES shall hire a total of 73 Job Orders - Enumerators (piece-rate) to undertake data collection and field editing in NCR; and 6 encoders to encode/re-encode the edited/reviewed questionnaires. The BLES shall also hire, through the DOLE Regional Offices (except NCR), a total of 90 Job-Orders to undertake supervision, data collection and field editing in regions outside NCR.
8. The amount of ₱ 6.271 M has been allocated for the nationwide conduct of these surveys, inclusive of the funding assistance to be provided by the Occupational Safety and Health Center and the Employees Compensation Commission for their additional modules in BITS. Of this amount, ₱ 2.724 M shall be provided to the DOLE Regional Offices (except NCR) to defray expenses for the survey, including those to be incurred for payment of personal accident insurance for JOs to be hired and for the two-day supervisors'/enumerators' training in the Regional Offices to be conducted by BLES personnel. Said amount covers only 85.0% for expenses for retrieval of questionnaires in the regions as this has been the usual retrieval rate of the ROs in the past surveys. Additional budget to be provided should the RO exceed the 85% retrieval rate based on status monitoring done by BLES.
9. Results of the OWS shall be available by end of July 2013 while those of BITS by end of October 2013.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Certification of funds availability for the conduct of the 2011/2012 BITS and 2012 OWS.

CERTIFIED FUNDS AVAILABLE

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Attachments:

*2012 BLES Work and Financial Plan
Assessment on the Implementation of Field Operations of BLES Surveys (Table A)*

2011/2012 BITS and 2012 OWS Work and Financial Plans (Tables 1-5)