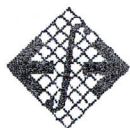


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26 April 2010

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 the clearance of the 2009/2010 BLES Integrated Survey (BITS), 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-2010-03-111	Agency transmittal letter dated March 30, 2010	hard copy	March 31, 2010
SSRCS-2010-03-112	SSRCS Form 1, Statistical Survey Notification Form	hard copy	March 31, 2010
SSRCS-2010-03-113	Sampling Design	hard copy	March 31, 2010
SSRCS-2010-03-114	List of Output Tables to be Generated	hard copy	March 31, 2010
SSRCS-2010-03-115	2009/2010 BITS Questionnaire	hard copy	March 31, 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

2009/2010 BLES INTEGRATED SURVEY (BITS)

Proponent agency

Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics

Conducting agency

Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics

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1 ☒ **CLEARANCE GRANTED**, subject to the following final action:

- i) ☒ 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.

Questionnaire Title: 2009/2010 BLES Integrated Survey

NSCB Approval No. BLES- 1015-01

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**

1. We reiterate the following comments raised in the 2007/2008 BITS:

- a. On page 3 of SSRCS Form 1, number 12h and 12i, the estimation procedure assumes that characteristics of non-responding establishments are not significantly different from responding establishments. We suggest that the possible reasons why the non-responding establishments are not submitting the questionnaires be looked into, to provide information on the possible bias in the estimates resulting from the non-response.

Further we request BLES to present the estimation procedure and sampling design of BITS to the Technical Committee on Survey Design (TCSD) so as to solicit comments from the Committee for the improvement of its survey conduct.

- b. On page 4 of the questionnaire, please provide explanation for:
- not including major occupation group as was previously included in the 2006 BITS
 - the use of categories under "Specific groups of employees"

2. The following are the comments/suggestions of the NSCB Technical Staff on the 2009/2010 BITS:


- a. Given that the coverage of the 2009/2010 BITS is similar to the 2010 OWS in terms of samples as confirmed with BLES, we reiterate the comments made on the 2010 OWS, specifically Remarks number 1, 3 and 5 (please refer to the 2010 OWS SSRCS Form 3).
- b. 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.
- c. On Part IV-A of the questionnaire, it is suggested that questions on availability of post employment programs for retirees and employees laid off like outplacement counselling services, training on livelihood and entrepreneurship, investment options and the like be added.

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- d. On the tables/outputs to be generated, please highlight those working in the business process outsourcing (BPO) industry as well as other emerging industries or occupational groups to enhance the relevance of the survey results.
- e. 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 2009/2010 BITS.

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26 April 2010

RECOMMENDING OFFICIAL



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