

REDACTED EXHIBIT 300 BY09

**I.A.: OVERVIEW BY09**

*Descriptive Information BY09*

Date of Submission	12/28/2007
Agency	Department of Labor
Bureau	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Name of this Capital Asset	BLS - Continuous Updating of the Housing and Geographic Area Samples in the Consumer Price Index
Exhibit 53 Part	IT Investments by Mission Area
OMB Investment Type	01 - Major Investment
OMB Exhibit 53 Major Mission Area	A Prepared Workforce
What kind of investment will this be in this Budget Year?	Mixed Life Cycle
OMB Short Description	This project improves the Consumer Price Index, a Principal Federal Economic Indicator, by allowing for continuous updating of the housing and geographic area samples.

*Screening Questions BY09*

Provide a brief summary and justification for this investment, including a brief description of how this closes in part or in whole an identified agency performance gap:

This initiative is the IT portion of a project to improve the data available to decision makers on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), an OMB designated Principal Federal Economic Indicator. The CPI is the principal source of information concerning trends in consumer prices & inflation in the U.S. By providing accurate & timely price statistics to the public, the CPI supports the BLS mission; the DOL Strategic Goal for a Prepared Workforce (to supply high quality information on the economy & labor market); & the Federal Enterprise Architecture Support Delivery of Service business area, under the General Government line of business & the Central Records and Statistics Management subfunction. This initiative provides a more representative and current sample of geographic areas and a continuously updated housing sample, improving the CPI's accuracy and relevance. Currently, the CPI's geographic areas and housing sample are updated only once every ten years, creating a performance gap caused by significant data aging between updates. Continuous updating will bridge this performance gap by more accurately reflecting ongoing changes in the U.S. population. Finally, this project will address the upward bias in the CPI recently discovered by BLS researchers. The bias is due to the limited sample sizes used to compute CPI indexes for individual item categories in specific geographic areas. This leads to slightly higher estimates of price change when compared to an index based on the universe of prices. Reducing this bias will have a significant impact on the finances of the Government because it is used to adjust payments to Social Security recipients and civilian and military retirees, and to adjust individual income tax brackets for inflation. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that the fiscal impact of a permanent one percentage point reduction in the rate of growth of the CPI, beginning in January 2006, would favorably impact the annual Federal budget deficit or surplus by \$14 billion by the end of 2007 (and by \$153 billion by 2015). This project is citizen-centered: citizens serve as respondents, providing BLS with the raw data needed to conduct the program. It is market-based: it opens the federal process of identifying and listing a housing sample universe to private sector competition. This initiative, as well as the CPI Maintenance investment, participates in the DOL CPIC process and is incorporated into the BLS & DOL EA.

Did the Agency's Executive/Investment Committee approve this request?	Yes
If "yes," what was the date of this approval?	7/6/2007
Did the Project Manager review this Exhibit?	Yes
Has the agency developed and/or promoted cost effective, energy efficient and environmentally sustainable techniques or practices for this project.	Yes
Will this investment include electronic assets (including computers)?	Yes
Is this investment for new construction or major retrofit of a Federal building or facility? (answer applicable to non-IT assets only)	No

If "yes," is an ESPC or UESC being used to help fund this investment?	
If "yes," will this investment meet sustainable design principles?	
If "yes," is it designed to be 30% more energy efficient than relevant code?	
Does this investment directly support one of the PMA initiatives?	Yes
If "yes," check all of the PMA initiatives that apply:	Budget Performance Integration Expanded E-Government
Is this investment for information technology?	Yes
Briefly describe how this asset directly supports the identified initiative(s)?	The CPI Initiative supports E-Gov by being citizen-centered: using technology to collect data on a continuous basis, which improves the final product available to citizens; reducing the time citizens need to interact with BLS while providing the same amount of data; and disseminating final data to the public electronically via LABSTAT, the BLS public website. It supports Budget & Performance Integration by linking major project milestones with funding.

***IT Screening Questions BY09***

If the answer to Question, "Is this investment for information technology?" was "Yes," complete this sub-section. If the answer is "No," do not answer this sub-section.

What project management qualifications does the Project Manager have? (per CIO Council's PM Guidance):	(1) Project manager has been validated as qualified for this investment
If this project produces information dissemination products for the public, are these products published to the Internet in conformance with OMB Memorandum 05-04 and included in your agency inventory, schedules and priorities?	Yes
Are the records produced by this investment appropriately scheduled with the National Archives and Records Administration's approval?	Yes

***I.B.: SUMMARY OF SPENDING BY09***

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***I.C.: ACQUISITION/CONTRACT STRATEGY BY09***

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***I.D.: PERFORMANCE INFORMATION BY09***

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## ***I.E.: SECURITY AND PRIVACY BY09***

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## ***I.F.: ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE (EA) BY09***

### *General EA Questions BY09*

In order to successfully address this area of the business case and capital asset plan you must ensure the investment is included in the agency's EA and Capital Planning and Investment Control (CPIC) process, and is mapped to and supports the FEA. You must also ensure the business case demonstrates the relationship between the investment and the business, performance, data, services, application, and technology layers of the agency's EA.

Is this investment included in your agency's target enterprise architecture? Yes

If "no," please explain why this investment is not included in the agency's EA Transition Strategy?

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Will the application leverage existing components and/or applications across the Government (i.e., FirstGov, Pay.Gov, etc). If so, please describe.

No.

If "yes," please describe how the application will leverage existing components and/or applications across the Government.

### *FEA Primary Mapping BY09*

FEA Primary Mapping

Reference Model: BRM  
Business Area: Support Delivery of Services  
Line of Business: General Government  
Sub Function: Central Records and Statistics Management  
Primary Mapping Code: 315181

## ***II.A.: ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS BY09***

### *Analysis Background BY09*

Part II is completed only for investments identified as "Planning" or "Full Acquisition" or "Mixed Life-Cycle" investments in response to Part I above.

In selecting the best capital asset, you should identify and consider at least three viable alternatives, in addition to the current baseline, i.e., the status quo. Use OMB Circular A-94 for all investments, and the Clinger Cohen Act of 1996 for IT investments, to determine the criteria you should use in your Benefit/Cost Analysis.

Did you conduct an alternatives analysis for this project? Yes

## ***II.B.: RISK MANAGEMENT BY09***

### *Risk Management Plan BY09*

You should have performed a risk assessment during the early planning and initial concept phase of this investment's life-cycle, developed a risk-adjusted life-cycle cost estimate and a plan to eliminate, mitigate or manage risk, and be actively managing risk throughout the investment's life-cycle.

Does the investment have a Risk Management Plan?	Yes
What is the date of the risk management plan?	7/12/2007

**II.C.: COST AND SCHEDULE PERFORMANCE BY09**

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