

I.A.: OVERVIEW BY10

Descriptive Information BY10

Template Name	BY2010
Investment Name	BLS - NCS Maintenance
Is this investment a consolidated business case?	No
Point of Contact	Salinas, Jesus
Date of Submission	4/10/2009
Agency	Department of Labor
Bureau	Bureau of Labor Statistics
Name of this Capital Asset	BLS - NCS Maintenance
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?	Operations and Maintenance
OMB Short Description	The National Compensation Survey (NCS) System supports the BLS compensation programs. The Employment Cost Index is calculated by this system and is a Principal Federal Economic Indicator.

Screening Questions BY10

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 investment is the maintenance of the National Compensation Survey (NCS) System. The NCS System produces comprehensive measures of occupational earnings, compensation cost trends, benefit incidence, and detailed benefit provisions. NCS uses a combination of personal visits, mail, telephone, and electronic contacts to collect data quarterly from a sample of occupations within establishments in private industry and State and local governments, and publishes local, regional, and national compensation data based on this data collection. One of its products, the Employment Cost Index (ECI), is designated by the OMB as a Principal Federal Economic Indicator and used by the Federal Reserve in monetary policy decision making. NCS provides the public with electronic and searchable access to data on occupational wages, employer's average hourly cost for total compensation, and compensation cost trends. It also provides incidence and extensive provisions data for two major benefit areas: health insurance and retirement. This includes data that link benefit plan costs with detailed plan provisions.

In the past, separate BLS systems produced the ECI and the Employee Benefits Survey (EBS) using similar components, which created redundancies in the BLS infrastructure. NCS closed this performance gap by consolidating these two data products and adding a third, the Locality Pay Surveys (LPS), to create a modern IT system that provides accurate and timely compensation statistics to the public. It uses computer resources and the Internet to collect and disseminate data from and to the public, and reduces other redundancies by leveraging existing BLS IT components.

The continued maintenance and operation of the NCS System is necessary to efficiently and effectively support the production and release of the Nation's primary source of compensation data. The NCS System directly supports the DOL Strategic Goal of a Prepared Workforce by supplying high quality information on the economy and labor market. It is part of the DOL EA and maps to the FEA General Government line of business and the Central Records and Statistics Management subfunction.

NCS is reviewed by DOL as part of its CPIC review and has received an overall score of Green in the quarterly Control Reviews since Q4 FY 2006.

Did the Agency's Executive/Investment Committee approve this request?	Yes
If "yes," what was the date of this approval?	8/27/2007
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)

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 and specifically describe for each selected how this asset directly supports the identified initiative(s)? (e.g. If E-Gov is selected, is it an approved shared service provider or the managing partner?)	NCS is linked to the DOL PMA plan because it supports the Expanded E-Gov and BPI initiatives. NCS supports E-Gov by reducing respondent burden and providing multiple electronic options for respondents to submit data. It avoids duplicative operating costs by using consolidated systems and processes, and by using the BLS public website to disseminate its data products. It supports the BPI by providing a consistent information and reporting framework for performance, budgeting, and accounting.

IT Screening Questions BY10

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.

In addition to the Project/Program Manager FAC-P/PM or DAWIA certification level, what project management qualifications does the Project Manager have? (per CIO Council 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?	No

I.B.: SUMMARY OF SPENDING BY10

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Provide the total estimated life-cycle cost for this investment by completing the following table. All amounts represent budget authority in thousands, and are rounded to three decimal places. For Federal buildings and facilities, life-cycle costs should include long term energy, environmental, decommissioning, and/or restoration costs. The costs associated with the entire life-cycle of the investment should be included in this report.

SUMMARY OF SPENDING FOR PROJECT STAGES		* Costs in thousands		
	PY -1 and Earlier	PY 2008	CY 2009	BY 2010
Total Budgetary Resources	37724	6538	6135	6308

I.C.: ACQUISITION/CONTRACT STRATEGY BY10

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I.D.: PERFORMANCE INFORMATION BY10

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I.E.: SECURITY AND PRIVACY BY10

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I.F.: ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE (EA) BY10

General EA Questions BY10

In order to successfully address this area of the capital asset plan and business case, the investment must be included in the agency's EA and Capital Planning and Investment Control (CPIC) process and mapped to and supporting the FEA. The business case must demonstrate 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
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If "no," please explain why this investment is not included in your agency's target enterprise architecture?

Is this investment included in the agency's EA Transition Strategy?	Yes
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Will the application leverage existing components and/or applications across the Government (i.e., USA.gov, Pay.Gov, etc)?	No
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If "yes," please describe how the application will leverage existing components and/or applications across the Government.

III.A.: RISK MANAGEMENT BY10

Risk Management Plan BY10

Part III is completed only for investments identified as "Operation and Maintenance" (Steady State) in response to Part I above.

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
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What is the date of the risk management plan?	1/15/2009
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III.B.: COST AND SCHEDULE PERFORMANCE BY10

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