

DBM Introduces Online Submission of Budget Proposal System (OSBPS)

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The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) introduced the new Online Submission of Budget Proposal System (OSBPS) during the National Budget Forum with departments/agencies held on January 10 and 11, 2013.

Through the OSBPS, central office of departments/agencies can now enter budget data directly into the system and make real-time submission of their consolidated FY2014 budget proposal to DBM. Essentially, OSBPS replaces the paper and worksheet files manually submitted to DBM. Under this pilot phase, central office of agencies will be responsible for encoding the budget of all their operating units.

According to DBM Undersecretary Richard Moya, OSBPS seeks to improve the time-consuming process of budget preparation. It also makes data aggregation easier and faster since it complies with the new Unified Accounts Code Structure (UACS).

The new UACS provides a single, harmonized budgetary and accounting classification system that will facilitate reporting of all financial transactions of government. It contains the accounts and codes that will guide reporting to oversight agencies.

With the adoption of the UACS and OSBPS in January, the Government has started reengineering existing business processes and IT systems to integrate budget preparation and management and accounting procedures.

Under the new OSBPS, all line items have been standardized with a comparative view of previous year's appropriations for better processing and analysis.

To ensure the successful adoption of the OSBPS, users' training will be conducted for budget officers of 188 agencies starting March. A help desk and hotline number will also be established to address support requests from agencies.