

**[ DBM NATIONAL BUDGET MEMORANDUM NO. 89,  
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**ISSUANCE OF INDICATIVE DEPARTMENT CEILINGS AND THE  
CONDUCT OF TECHNICAL BUDGET HEARINGS ON THE FY 2000  
NATIONAL BUDGET**

*1.0 Purpose*

1.1 To issue the indicative department ceilings for FY 2000, which shall be used as the basis in the preparation of the budget proposals by the agencies;

1.2 To set the schedules and prescribe the guidelines and procedures in the conduct of the Technical Budget Hearings (TBHs).

*2.0 Department Ceilings*

2.1 The FY 2000 indicative department ceilings, broken down by sector/subsector, is hereby issued as Annex A\*. They follow the agency, program/project lineup in the 1999 GAA. Copies of these were also given to the NEDA Planning Committees to guide the formulation of the Medium Term Public Investment Program (MTPIP) in accordance with the Plan-Budget Linkage.

2.2 The Department Ceilings covers the following (Annex B\*):

- a. Baseline ceiling for existing programs and on-going foreign-assisted projects with international agreements as of January 30, 1999
- b. Allocable ceiling for proposed priority programs and projects
- c. Compensation adjustments for the proposed salary increase
- d. Estimates for Retirement Gratuity and terminal Leave

2.3 The indicative ceilings shall be the basis for the agencies in the preparation and submission of budget proposals, which are due not later than April 15 1999 for FY 2000 budgets, and April 30, 1999 for FY 2001 and 2002 budgets.

2.4 The proposed priority programs and projects of agencies belonging to the Economic and Social Services Sectors, shall be consistent with those submitted to the NEDA Planning Committees, which shall review the complementarity and consistency of the programs and projects within the sector with the MTPDP 1999-2004.

2.5 Agencies may reallocate/realign funding levels within the aggregate baseline to augment programs proposed under the allocable ceilings, but the adjustments must