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Dear Legislator:

This budget manual has been prepared for the Eighty-Seventh General Assembly by the Department of Finance and Administration – Office of Budget.

Contained herein you will find all requests for appropriations from operating funds, as formulated by the various agencies of State Government for the 2009-2011 Biennium. In addition, you will find Governor Beebe's recommendations under the balanced budget requirement, as well as the final actions adopted by the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee on each appropriation.

Included in the front of Volume I are schedules that summarize the current biennium's General Revenue distribution and the requests and recommendations for the next biennium, the current allocations and estimates for the Educational Excellence Trust Fund, the Workforce 2000 Development Fund and the Official Forecast of General Revenues presented to the ALC/JBC Committee in November.

Sincerely,

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