



Grants Competition and Grant Renewal Key Activities and Dates (for calendar year 2011 grants)

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) awards grants for the provision of civil legal services to low-income persons. LSC awards grants through a system of competition, pursuant to LSC's competitive bidding regulation, 45 C.F.R. Part 1634, and the LSC Appropriation Acts. Eligible Applicants for LSC funding include: 1) current LSC recipients; 2) nonprofit organizations that have as a purpose the furnishing of legal assistance to eligible clients; 3) private attorneys, groups of private attorneys or law firms; 4) state or local governments; and 5) substate regional planning and coordination agencies.

In accordance with LSC's multi-year funding policy, grant applications for calendar year 2011 funding will be accepted for only specified service areas. LSC will publish the service areas in competition in the Federal Register and at www.grants.lsc.gov on or around March 15, 2010. To apply for funding for the service areas in competition, Applicants must file a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC), and submit a complete grant application responsive to the LSC Request for Proposals (RFP). The NIC is included in the RFP as Form H. LSC will publish the RFP at www.grants.lsc.gov on or around April 8, 2010.

LSC evaluates each grant application based on widely recognized quality standards, including the American Bar Association Standards for the Provision of Civil Legal Aid and the LSC Performance Criteria. LSC's selection criteria are detailed at 45 C.F.R. § 1634.9. Pursuant to the statute and regulation, LSC's competitive bidding process prohibits preference to current or previous recipients of LSC funds.

LSC has established a service desk to respond to information requests and inquiries about the grants competition and grant renewal process. Contact the service desk by e-mail at competition@lsc.gov. Responses to competitive grant inquiries are returned by e-mail. **LSC will hold an Applicant Information Session, on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 (2:00 p.m. E.D.T.).** This is a free telephonic conference sponsored by LSC to assist Applicants in preparing the competitive grant application and to promote participation in the competitive grants process. Details about the telephonic conference will be posted at www.grants.lsc.gov as we get closer to the conference date.

The charts below identify the key 2011 grant activities and dates.

Key 2011 Competitive Grant Activities and Dates:

	Activity	Date
1	LSC publishes the list of competed service areas for 2011 grant awards at www.grants.lsc.gov and in the Federal Register.	March 15, 2010
2	LSC publishes the RFP (Request for Proposals) at www.grants.lsc.gov .	April 8, 2010
3	LSC conducts the Applicant Informational Session. (This is a free telephonic conference provided by LSC to assist Applicants in preparing the grant application)	May 5, 2010
4	Applicant deadline for filing the NIC	May 13, 2010
5	LSC publishes the listing of Applicants that filed a NIC at www.grants.lsc.gov	May 31, 2010
6	Applicant deadline for filing competitive grant applications for calendar year 2011 funding	June 7, 2010
7	LSC publishes the listing of Applicants that filed a qualified grant application at www.grants.lsc.gov	October 2010
8	LSC publishes grant decisions at www.grants.lsc.gov	December 2010

Key 2011 Grant Renewal Activities and Dates:

	Activity	Date
1	LSC notifies grantees by e-mail about preparing and submitting the grant renewal application.	April 1, 2010
2	LSC publishes the grant renewal application at www.grants.lsc.gov	April 8, 2010
3	Applicant deadline for filing grant renewal applications	June 7, 2010
4	LSC publishes grant renewal funding decisions at www.grants.lsc.gov	December 2010

Information updates regarding the 2011 grants competition and 2011 grant renewal process will continue to be posted throughout the grant cycle at www.grants.lsc.gov. Please visit the site regularly to remain current about the 2011 grants competition and grant renewal process.