



Grants Competition and Grant Renewal Key Activities and Dates (for calendar year 2007 grants)

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) awards grants for the provision of civil legal services to low-income persons. LSC funding is awarded through a system of competition, pursuant to LSC's competitive bidding regulation, 45 C.F.R. §1634, and the LSC Appropriation Act. 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 2007 funding will be accepted for only specified service areas in the following locations:

Alabama	Georgia	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
American Samoa	Hawaii	Mississippi	South Carolina
Arkansas	Illinois	Montana	Tennessee
California	Indiana	New York	Texas
Colorado	Kentucky	North Carolina	Virginia
Florida	Louisiana	Oklahoma	Wyoming

LSC will publish the service areas in competition in the Federal Register and at www.ain.lsc.gov during the week of April 10, 2006. To apply for funding, applicants must file a Notice of Intent to Compete, and submit a complete grant application responsive to the LSC Request for Proposals (RFP).

LSC evaluates each grant application based on widely recognized quality standards, including the American Bar Association Standards for the Providers of Civil Legal Services to the Poor 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 Tuesday, May 16, 2006 (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 bidding process. See Appendix H of the RFP for details about the conference, or contact the competition service desk.

Key 2007 Competitive Grant Activities and Dates:

	Activity	Date
1	LSC publishes the list of competed service areas for 2007 grant awards at www.ain.lsc.gov and in the Federal Register.	(the week of) April 10
2	LSC publishes the RFP (Request for Proposals) at www.ain.lsc.gov .	(the Week of) April 17
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 16
4	Applicant deadline for filing the Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC)	May 22
5	LSC publishes the listing of applicants that filed a qualified NIC at www.ain.lsc.gov	May 25
6	Applicant deadline for filing competitive grant applications for calendar year 2007 funding	June 15
7	LSC publishes the listing of applicants that filed a qualified grant application at www.ain.lsc.gov	September 2006
8	LSC publishes grant decisions at www.ain.lsc.gov	December 2006

Key 2007 Grant Renewal Activities and Dates:

	Activity	Date
1	LSC notifies grantees by e-mail about preparing and submitting the grant renewal application.	April 10
2	LSC publishes the grant renewal application at www.rin.lsc.gov	May 18
3	Applicant deadline for filing grant renewal applications	June 15
4	LSC publishes grant renewal funding decisions at www.ain.lsc.gov	December 2006

Information updates regarding the 2007 grants competition and 2007 grant renewal process will continue to be posted throughout the grant cycle at www.ain.lsc.gov (Bulletin Board). Please visit the site regularly to remain current about the 2007 grants competition and grant renewal process.