

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Notice to All Interested Parties

Proposed Availability of Calendar Year 2011 Competitive Grant Funds

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is providing notice of the proposed availability of competitive grant funds to provide civil legal services to eligible clients during calendar year 2011. In accordance with LSC's multi-year funding policy, grant applications will be accepted for only specified service areas. LSC will publish the service areas in competition for 2011 funding in the Federal Register and at www.grants.lsc.gov March 15, 2010. The LSC 2011 Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available from www.grants.lsc.gov on April 8, 2010.

Pursuant to the LSC regulation governing the competitive bidding process (45 C.F.R. 1634); a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC) must be filed. The due date for filing the NIC is May 13, 2010, 5:00 p.m., E.D.T. The deadline for filing grant applications is June 7, 2010, 5:00 p.m., E.D.T.

The following persons, groups, and entities are qualified applicants who may submit a NIC and an application to participate in the competitive bidding process: 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.

LSC has established a service desk to respond to applicant inquiries regarding the competitive bidding process. Please submit inquiries to the competition service desk by email to competition@lsc.gov.

LSC will hold an Applicant Informational 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 bidding process. LSC will publish conference details at www.grants.lsc.gov and in Appendix H of the RFP.

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