



Grants Competition and Grant Renewal Key Activities and Dates (for calendar year 2008 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.

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 16, 2007 (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 2008 Competitive Grant Activities and Dates:

	Activity	Date
1	LSC publishes the list of competed service areas for 2008 grant awards at www.ain.lsc.gov and in the Federal Register.	(the week of) April 9
2	LSC publishes the RFP (Request for Proposals) at www.ain.lsc.gov .	(the Week of) April 16
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 21
5	LSC publishes the listing of applicants that filed a qualified NIC at www.ain.lsc.gov	May 24
6	Applicant deadline for filing competitive grant applications for calendar year 2008 funding	June 14
7	LSC publishes the listing of applicants that filed a qualified grant application at www.ain.lsc.gov	September 2007
8	LSC publishes grant decisions at www.ain.lsc.gov	December 2007

Key 2008 Grant Renewal Activities and Dates:

	Activity	Date
1	LSC notifies grantees by e-mail about preparing and submitting the grant renewal application.	April 9
2	LSC publishes the grant renewal application at www.rin.lsc.gov	May 10
3	Applicant deadline for filing grant renewal applications	June 14
4	LSC publishes grant renewal funding decisions at www.ain.lsc.gov	December 2007

Information updates regarding the 2008 grants competition and 2008 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 2008 grants competition and grant renewal process.