

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Notice to All Interested Parties

2011 Grants Competition

Availability of 2011 Competitive Grant Funds for the Provision of Civil Legal Services for Service Area LA-1 in Louisiana

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) announces the availability of competitive grant funds for the provision of a full range of civil legal services to eligible clients in Louisiana for service area LA-1. LSC intends to award grants in June 2011. The estimated annualized grant amount for service area LA-1 is \$1,629,216.

Service area LA-1 comprises the following parishes/counties in Louisiana: Ascension Parish, Assumption Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, East Feliciana Parish, Iberville Parish, Lafourche Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish, St. James Parish, St. John the Baptist Parish, Terrebonne Parish, West Baton Rouge Parish, and West Feliciana Parish.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is available at www.grants.lsc.gov. Once at the website, click on FY 2011 Request For Proposals Narrative Instruction to access the RFP and other information pertaining to the LSC competitive grants process. Refer to the RFP for instructions on preparing the grant application; the regulations and guidelines governing LSC funding; the definition of a full range of legal services; and grant proposal submission requirements.

The following persons, groups, and entities are qualified applicants who may submit a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC; RFP Form-H) and an application to participate in the competitive grants process:

- 1. Current recipients of LSC grants;
- 2. Other non-profit organizations that have as a purpose the furnishing of legal assistance to eligible clients;
- 3. Private attorneys, groups of attorneys or law firms (except that no private law firm that expends 50 percent or more of its resources and time litigating issues in the broad interests of a majority of the public may be awarded a grant or contract under the LSC Act);
- 4. State or local governments; and
- 5. Substate regional planning and coordination agencies which are composed of substate areas and whose governing boards are controlled by locally elected officials.

Applicants must file a NIC (RFP Form-H) to participate in the competitive grants process. The NIC is available from the RFP. The deadline for filing the NIC is February 7, 2011, 5:00 p.m., E.D.T. The deadline for filing grant proposals is March 14, 2011, 5:00 p.m., E.D.T. The dates shown in this notice for filing the NIC and the grant proposals supersede the dates in the RFP. All other instructions, regulations, guidelines, definitions, and grant proposal submission requirements remain in effect unless otherwise noted.

LSC has established a service desk to respond to applicant inquiries regarding the competitive grants process. Email inquiries to Competition@lsc.gov.

Listed below are additional resources available to Applicants preparing grant proposals:

- LSC Resource Information at: www.lri.lsc.gov
- Applicant Information Network at: www.grants.lsc.gov
- LSC Performance Criteria see Appendix C RFP
- Responses to Frequently Asked Questions see Appendix F RFP
- Guidance on Responding to the RFP see Appendix K RFP

Visit <u>www.grants.lsc.gov</u> regularly to remain current about this grants competition.