



Grants Competition and Grant Renewal Key Activities and Dates (for calendar year 2009 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. Part 1634, and the LSC Appropriations 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 2009 funding will be accepted for only specified service areas. LSC will publish the service areas in competition in the Federal Register and at www.ain.lsc.gov on or around April 1, 2008. 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). The NIC is included in the RFP as Form H. **The charts below identify the key 2009 grant activities and dates.**

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 14, 2008 (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.ain.lsc.gov as we get closer to the conference date.

Key 2009 Competitive Grant Activities and Dates:

	Activity	Date
1	LSC publishes the list of competed service areas for 2009 grant awards at www.ain.lsc.gov and in the Federal Register.	April 1, 2008
2	LSC publishes the RFP (Request for Proposals) at www.ain.lsc.gov .	April 11, 2008
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 14, 2008
4	Applicant deadline for filing the Notice of Intent to Compete	May 16, 2008
5	LSC publishes the listing of applicants that filed a qualified NIC at www.ain.lsc.gov	May 19, 2008
6	Applicant deadline for filing competitive grant applications for calendar year 2009 funding	June 2, 2008
7	LSC publishes the listing of applicants that filed a qualified grant application at www.ain.lsc.gov	September 2008
8	LSC publishes grant decisions at www.ain.lsc.gov	December 2008

Key 2009 Grant Renewal Activities and Dates:

	Activity	Date
1	LSC notifies grantees by e-mail about preparing and submitting the grant renewal application.	April 1, 2008
2	LSC publishes the grant renewal application at www.rin.lsc.gov	April 11, 2008
3	Applicant deadline for filing grant renewal applications	June 2, 2008
4	LSC publishes grant renewal funding decisions at www.ain.lsc.gov	December 2008

Information updates regarding the 2009 grants competition and 2009 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 2009 grants competition and grant renewal process.