



TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Michael A. Genz, Director, Office of Program Performance

SUBJECT: **Notice of Proposed Availability of FY2005 Competitive Grant Funds for Service Areas in Oregon**

DATE: July 16, 2004

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is providing notice of the proposed availability of competitive grant funds to provide civil legal services to eligible clients in Oregon. Funding is for calendar year 2005 and for service areas OR-2, OR-4, OR-5, MOR, and NOR-1 in Oregon.¹ The final funding amounts and the terms of availability will not be known until later this year. Further notice of this announcement will be published in the Federal Register and at www.ain.lsc.gov by July 20, 2004.

LSC is soliciting grant proposals from interested parties who are qualified to provide effective, efficient and high quality civil legal services to eligible clients in Oregon. Nonprofit organizations that have as a purpose the furnishing of legal assistance to eligible clients, private attorneys, groups of private attorneys or law firms, state or local governments, and substate regional planning and coordination agencies are eligible to apply.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is available from www.ain.lsc.gov. Once at the website, click on "Bulletin Board," then proceed to "FY 2005 Request for Proposals." Pursuant to the LSC regulation governing competition (45 CFR 1634), a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC) must be filed. **The due date for filing the NIC is July 30, 2004, 5:00 p.m., ET. The deadline for filing a grant application for Oregon service areas is August 27, 2004, 5:00 p.m., ET.**

LSC has established a service desk to respond to applicant inquiries regarding the grants competition. Please submit inquiries to the competition service desk by e-mail. The e-mail address is competition@lsc.gov.

¹ Grant awards for these service areas will be available for one year, from January 1 through December 31, 2005. LSC will publish and compete a single statewide basic field general service area in Oregon for calendar year 2006 funding instead of the current three basic field general service areas, i.e., OR-2, OR-4, and OR-5. Service areas NOR-1 and MOR in Oregon will also be competed for calendar year 2006 funding, however, those service areas will not change.