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## Grants Competition and Grant Renewal Key Activities and Dates (for calendar year 2006 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 LSC's appropriation act. Eligible applicants for LSC funding include nonprofit organizations that have as a purpose the provision 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.

LSC evaluates each grant application based on widely recognized quality standards, including the American Bar Association Standards for the Providers of Civil Legal Services to the Poor and the LSC Performance Criteria. LSC's selection criteria are detailed in 45 C.F.R. §1634.9. Pursuant to the statute and regulation, LSC's competitive review process prohibits preference to current or previous recipients of LSC funds.

LSC publishes the notice of availability of funds in the Federal Register and with state bar associations, newspapers, law schools, and recipients of LSC funding. 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).

Information updates regarding the 2006 grants competition and 2006 grant renewal process are posted at [www.ain.lsc.gov](http://www.ain.lsc.gov) - the Applicant Information Network (AIN). Applicants are requested to visit the AIN regularly to remain current on competition and grant renewal activities.

LSC will open its competitive grants service desk to respond to information requests and inquiries about the grants competition and renewal process. The service desk will begin accepting inquiries and information requests beginning March 3, 2005. Contact the service desk by e-mail at [competition@lsc.gov](mailto:competition@lsc.gov). Responses to competitive grant inquiries will be returned by e-mail.

**Key Competition Activities and Dates:**

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	LSC publishes the list of competed service areas for 2006 grant awards at <a href="http://www.ain.lsc.gov">www.ain.lsc.gov</a> and in the Federal Register.	(the week of) April 11
2	LSC publishes the RFP (Request for Proposals) at <a href="http://www.ain.lsc.gov">www.ain.lsc.gov</a> .	(the Week of) April 18
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 18
4	The Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC) is due at LSC	May 23
5	LSC publishes the listing of applicants that filed a qualified NIC at <a href="http://www.ain.lsc.gov">www.ain.lsc.gov</a>	May 26
6	Competitive grant applications for calendar year 2006 funding are due at LSC	June 17
7	LSC will publish the listing of applicants that filed a qualified grant application at <a href="http://www.ain.lsc.gov">www.ain.lsc.gov</a>	September 2005
8	LSC will publish grant decisions at <a href="http://www.ain.lsc.gov">www.ain.lsc.gov</a>	December 2005

**Key Grant Renewal Activities and Dates:**

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	LSC notifies grantees by e-mail about preparing and submitting the grant renewal application.	June 6
2	LSC publishes the grant renewal application at <a href="http://www.rin.lsc.gov">www.rin.lsc.gov</a>	July 7
3	Applicant deadline for filing grant renewal applications	August 8
4	LSC will publish grant renewal funding decisions at <a href="http://www.ain.lsc.gov">www.ain.lsc.gov</a>	December 2005