



**LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION
FY 2008 Grants Competition
Availability of FY 2008 Competitive Grant Funds
for the Provision of Civil Legal Services in American Samoa**

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is announcing the availability of competitive grant funds for the provision of a full range of civil legal services to eligible clients in American Samoa. The annualized grant amount is approximately \$310,000. The grant will be awarded in or around June 2008.

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

LSC is seeking proposals from: 1) non-profit organizations that have as a purpose the provision of legal assistance to eligible clients; 2) private attorneys; 3) groups of private attorneys or law firms; 4) state or local governments; and 5) sub-state regional planning and coordination agencies that are composed of sub-state areas and whose governing boards are controlled by locally elected officials.

Applicants must file a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC) to participate in the competitive grants process. The NIC is available from the RFP. The deadline for filing the NIC is December 31, 2007, 5:00 p.m., E.D.T. The deadline for filing grant proposals is March 3, 2008, 5:00 p.m., E.D.T.

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

Listed below are other locations for assistance to applicants preparing grant proposals:

- LSC Resource Information at: www.lri.lsc.gov
- Applicant Information Network at: www.ain.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 www.ain.lsc.gov regularly to remain current about the 2008 grants competition.