

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****Disability Employment Grant Program
Funded Under the Workforce
Investment Act Title I, Disability
Program; Notice of Changes to
Solicitation for Grant Application
(SGA)**

On November 7, 2001, the Department of Labor (DOL) announced in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 66, No. 216; pp. 56347–56358) a solicitation for grant applications (SGA) for the Disability Program (Reference: SGA/DFA 02–100). Proposals for this SGA were to be submitted by 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Friday, December 21, 2001.

Under Part III Review Process, Evaluation Criteria and Statement of Work, four (4) criteria are described. As a result of several inquiries, the Department wishes to clarify its' intent of criterion A. Project Design. Effective this date, Part III Project Design, No. 2. Training and Supportive Services paragraphs 4 & 5 are replaced as follows:

Applicants are encouraged to include on-the-job training and internship or self-employment strategies in their project design. Project design must describe why these are effective strategies for the client group being served and how many participants are expected to receive specific services (e.g., how many will be in on-the-job training). Private sector employer commitment to on-the-job positions should be identified.

Applicants are also encouraged to include strategies related to training in the information technology skills sector, such as software design, network applications, and service repair technicians. The description provided should be clear on the complexity of the training and expectations for higher salaried employment outcomes with a long range career potential. This may include training on Microsoft WORD, Word Perfect, Lotus, or other basic computer familiarity training.

Other than indicated herein, the requirements established by the above referenced November 7, 2001 SGA (SGA/DFA 02–100) remain in force.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of November 2001.

Lorraine H. Saunders,

Grant Officer, Division of Federal Assistance.
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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**Notice of Availability of 2002
Competitive Grant Funds for Service
Areas LA–1, LA–4 and LA–8 in
Louisiana**

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: Solicitation of proposals for the provision of civil legal services for basic field-general service areas LA–1, LA–4 and LA–8 in Louisiana.

SUMMARY: The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is the national organization charged with administering federal funds provided for civil legal services to the poor. Congress has adopted legislation requiring LSC to utilize a system of competitive bidding for the award of grants and contracts.

LSC hereby announces that it is reopening competition for 2002 competitive grant funds and is soliciting grant proposals from interested parties who are qualified to provide effective, efficient and high quality civil legal services to the eligible client population in the service areas LA–1, LA–4 and LA–8 in Louisiana. The exact amount of congressionally appropriated funds and the date and terms of their availability for calendar year 2002 are not known, although it is anticipated that the funding amount will be similar to calendar year 2001 funding. LSC has canceled the competition and rejected all bids for Louisiana service area LA–9.

DATES: Request for Proposals (RFP) are available from www.ain.lsc.gov. A Notice of Intent to compete is due by 5 p.m. EST, December 28, 2001. Grant proposals must be received at LSC offices by 5 p.m. EST, January 21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Legal Services Corporation—Competitive Grants, 750 First Street NE., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20002–4250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Bateman, Grants Coordinator, Office of Program Performance, (202) 336–8835.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: LSC is seeking proposals from non-profit organizations that have as a purpose the furnishing of legal assistance to eligible clients, and from private attorneys, groups of private attorneys or law firms, state or local governments, and substate regional planning and coordination agencies which are composed of substate areas and whose governing boards are controlled by locally elected officials.

The solicitation package, containing the grant application, guidelines, proposal content requirements and

specific selection criteria, is available at www.ain.lsc.gov.

Issue Date: December 3, 2001.

Michael A. Genz,

Director, Office of Program Performance.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY**Sunshine Act Meeting**

AGENCY: National Council on Disability

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedules and proposed agenda of the upcoming quarterly meeting of the National Council on Disability (NCD). Notice of this meeting is required under section 522b(e)(1) of the Government Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94–409.

Type: Quarterly Meeting.

Quarterly Meeting Dates: February 4–5, 2002, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Los Angeles Marriott Hotel Downtown, 333 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California; 213–617–1133.

Contact Information: Mark S. Quigley, Public Affairs Specialist, National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street NW., Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004; 202–272–2004 (Voice), 202–272–2074 (TTY), 202–272–2022 (Fax).

Agency Mission: NCD is an independent federal agency composed of 15 members appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Its overall purpose is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities, including people from culturally diverse backgrounds, regardless of the nature or significance of the disability; and to empower people with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

Accommodations: Those needing sign language interpreters or other disability accommodations should notify NCD at least one week prior to this meeting.

Language Translation: In accordance with Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, those people with disabilities who are limited English proficient and seek translation services for this meeting should notify NCD at least one week prior to these meeting.

Multiple chemical Sensitivity/ Environmental Illness: People with multiple chemical sensitivity/ environmental illness must reduce their exposure to volatile chemical substances to attend this meeting. To

reduce such exposure, NCD requests that attendees not wear perfumes or scented products at this meeting. Smoking is prohibited in meeting rooms and surrounding areas.

Open Meeting: In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act and NCD's bylaws, this quarterly meeting will be open to the public for observation, except where NCD determines that a meeting or portion thereof should be closed in accordance with NCD's regulations pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act. A majority of NCD members present shall determine when a meeting or portion thereof is closed to the public, in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act. At meetings open to the public, NCD may determine when non-members may participate in its discussions. Observers are not expected to participate in NCD meetings unless requested to do so by an NCD member and recognized by the NCD chairperson.

Quarterly Meeting Agenda:

- Reports from the Chairperson and the Executive Director
- Committee Meetings and Committee Reports
- Executive Session (closed)—
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Records will be kept of all National Council on Disability proceedings and will be available after the quarterly meeting for public inspection at the National Council on Disability.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 3, 2001.

Ethel D. Briggs,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Federal Advisory Committee on International Exhibitions (FACIE)

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee on International Exhibitions (FACIE) will be held by teleconference from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2001 in Room 709 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20506.

This meeting is for the purpose of review, discussion, evaluation, and

recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 22, 2001, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4),(6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC, 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: November 30, 2001.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Revision of Statement of Organization and Functions; Position of Deputy General Counsel

AGENCY: National Labor Relations Board.

ACTION: Revision of the description of the powers and duties of the Deputy General Counsel.

SUMMARY: The National Labor Relations Board is revising the description of the powers and duties of the Deputy General Counsel to make plain that the Board's Deputy General Counsel is authorized to perform the functions and duties of the office of General Counsel upon the vacancy of the General Counsel's office.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John J. Toner, Executive Secretary, 1099 14th Street NW., Room 11600, Washington, DC 20570, Telephone: (202) 273-1936.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Labor Relations Board has determined that § 3345(a)(1) of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 et seq., authorizes the Board's Deputy General Counsel to perform the functions and duties of the office of General Counsel, upon the vacancy of the General Counsel's office. In pertinent part, § 3345(a) provides:

If an officer of an Executive agency * * * whose appointment to office is required to be made by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office—

(1) The first assistant to the office of such officer shall perform the functions and duties of the office temporarily in an acting capacity subject to the time limitations of section 3346.

Historically, the provisions of section 3(d) of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 153(d)) have been the only mechanism for appointments to the position of Acting General Counsel. The Vacancies Act is an alternative means of filling vacancies in positions appointed by the President subject to Senate confirmation, but, until 1988, that statute was applicable only to positions in cabinet departments. By amendment in 1988, Congress made the Vacancies Act applicable to all "executive agencies," with the intent of expanding the scope of the statute to independent agencies such as the Board. Thus, although NLRA section 3(d) remains a valid mechanism for appointment to the position of Acting General Counsel, it is now clear that the Vacancies Act provides an alternative procedure and that the President can appoint an Acting General Counsel under that Act, under section 3(d) of the NLRA, or can allow the provisions of section 3345(a) to take effect.

The Deputy General Counsel position is a "first assistant" position within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 3345(a)(1). Although "first assistant" is not expressly defined in the statute, it was referred to in debate as a term of art that generally refers to the office holder's top deputy. The National Labor Relations Board's Statement of Organization and Functions makes clear that the Deputy General Counsel acts as the alter ego of the General Counsel and readily satisfies the functions of a "first assistant:" "The Deputy General Counsel is vested with the authority to speak and act for the General Counsel in all phases of the responsibilities of the office to the full extent permitted by law * * *"

Accordingly, the National Labor Relations Board is revising its statement of Organization and Functions, part 201, subpart A, section 202, second paragraph (32 F.R. 9588, as amended by 37 F.R. 15956, 44 F.R. 32415) to read as follows:

Sec. 202 The General Counsel.

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The Deputy General Counsel is vested with the authority to speak and act for the General Counsel in all phases of the responsibilities of the office to the full extent permitted by law and is responsible for overall coordination of the General Counsel's organization. The Deputy General Counsel position is a "first assistant" for purposes of section