

**Legal Services Corporation**

***RURAL DELIVERY SYMPOSIUM***

*A National Strategy Session on the Future of Rural Service Delivery*

Lied Conference Center (Arbor Day Farm) in Nebraska City, Nebraska  
October 31 - November 2, 2002

This symposium will gather together, in a retreat-like setting, some of the best minds and creative thinkers in rural delivery in order to identify the most critical issues faced by LSC recipients who deliver legal services in rural areas, to discuss best practices, to identify existing or potential solutions, and to begin development of an action plan for LSC. This symposium will be limited to approximately 30 people, many of whom will be invited from organizations that are not recipients of LSC funding. *LSC recipient staff will be selected through the **Call for Papers** set forth below.*

The agenda of the conference will be guided in part by the content of the accepted papers. It is LSC's purpose to invite open expression of the broad range of concerns of rural delivery, among which will certainly be such issues as:

- Staff issues – attracting, retaining, developing
- Resource development
- Models for private bar involvement
- Reaching isolated groups
- Use of technology in practice and for client access
- Cultural changes in the rural U.S.

**Call for Papers.** We will select 12 applicants from LSC-funded programs. Selections will be based on papers submitted by the applicants. We are looking for papers that may be shared with the conferees and/or serve as the basis for sessions, workshops, and roundtable discussions. The papers will be reviewed by an LSC staff panel, and will be judged on the criteria set forth below. *The deadline for submission is August 16, 2002. If your paper is selected to be one of the papers published for the conference, you will be invited to attend the conference at LSC's expense.*

**Review Criteria.** Papers will be ranked according to how well they satisfy these criteria:

- Identification of delivery problem or rural issue (currency, empirical treatment, clarity of thought)
- Usefulness to field (adds to knowledge, new insights, describes new methods)
- Potential to stimulate constructive discussion (balanced, objective)
- Suitability for publication (style, clarity of form)

## **Weighting Factors:**

- We will give additional weight to any submission accompanied by a nomination of the applicant by a non-LSC-funded member of the larger state justice community in the applicant's state, such as the state planning body. An effective nomination should demonstrate knowledge of the applicant's work. Pro forma nominations will add little additional weight. Nominations should not exceed two pages, single-spaced. Nominations should accompany submissions and should contain sufficient information to enable us to contact the person or body making the nomination.
- Papers that have been previously published in substantially the same form will be subject to a weight reduction. For this event we seek newly developed, original material on rural delivery issues. We will consider previously prepared material, but if all other factors are equal, greater weight will be given to fresh, original material.

**Contingent Criteria.** Selection of participants might be affected by the need for ethnic and gender balance in the group and the need to involve representatives from a cross-section of the country.

**Form:** A paper should be no longer than 10 double-spaced pages (excluding the application form, provided below) using a 12-point font with 1-inch margins and should be submitted in either MSWord or WordPerfect format *via email attachment*. The application form may be submitted in any format. If your paper is accompanied by a nomination (see *Weighting Factors*, supra), the nomination should also be in electronic form, either as a word-processed document or a .pdf document. We will also accept faxed nominations (but *not* faxed papers). If your paper is selected, you will be asked to submit biographical information and may be asked to submit a hard copy.

**Submission:** Please submit your paper, application form, and nomination (if applicable) to Tim Watson, Program Counsel, at [watson@lsc.gov](mailto:watson@lsc.gov), (202) 336-8941, cell - 202-359-5089, fax - 202-336-7272. The deadline for submission is August 16, 2002. If your paper is selected to be one of the papers published for the conference, you will be invited to attend the conference at LSC's expense. All applicants will be notified of the results by email no later than August 30, 2002.

**RURAL DELIVERY SYMPOSIUM**  
*Application Form*

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Address:

City/State/ZIP:

Telephone:

FAX:

E-Mail:

Title of paper:

Brief Abstract: *(Do not exceed 200 words.)*