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Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is an independent nonprofit established by Congress in 1974 to provide financial support for civil legal aid to low-income Americans. It is Iowa Legal Aid's primary source of federal funding. One of LSC's responsibilities is to evaluate and monitor the work of grantees such as Iowa Legal Aid.

LSC's Office of Compliance and Enforcement sent a team of seven attorneys, two fiscal analysts and two additional individuals to Iowa Legal Aid during the week of November 16-20, 2015. The purpose of the visit was to assess the program's compliance with the LSC Act, regulations, and other applicable guidance such as Program Letters, the LSC Accounting Guide for LSC Recipients and the Property Acquisition and Management Manual. All ten offices of Iowa Legal Aid were visited by members of the review team.

The onsite review was designed and executed to assess program compliance with client eligibility, intake, case management, regulatory and statutory requirements, and to ensure that Iowa Legal Aid was correctly implementing LSC requirements regarding client service. Fiscal controls and policies were also assessed including a sampling of personnel and payroll records and a sampling of bank reconciliations, as well as a review of Iowa Legal Aid's Accounting Manual and other written policies and procedures, to ensure compliance with the LSC Accounting Guide.

The visit resulted in no required corrective actions. The report provides additional assurance to funders and donors that Iowa Legal Aid is an accountable organization that takes seriously its obligations to comply with the requirements of the Legal Services Corporation, as well as other funding sources.

For additional information, or a copy of the full report on the Office of Compliance and Enforcement review, please contact Arlys Kness at akness@iowalaw.org or 515-243-2980, extension 1621.