



Designation of .net Registry Operator

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.net Designation

5.2 Procedure for Subsequent Agreement.

5.2.1 Not later than one year prior to the end of the term of this Agreement, ICANN shall, in accordance with Section 2.1, adopt an open, transparent procedure for designating a successor Registry Operator.

Section 5.2 of the .net Registry Agreement

GNSO Role

ICANN requested the GNSO to establish a recommendation for the selection criteria. In this work, the GNSO will be guided by Section 5.2.4 of the current .net Registry Agreement:

5.2.4 ICANN shall select as the successor Registry Operator the eligible party that it reasonably determines is best qualified to perform the registry function under terms and conditions developed pursuant to Subsection 4.3 of this Agreement, taking into account all factors relevant to the stability of the Internet.

Those factors relevant to the stability of the Internet include:

“promotion of competition, and maximization of consumer choice, including without limitation: functional capabilities and performance specifications proposed by the eligible party for its operation of the registry, the price at which registry services are proposed to be provided by the party, the relevant experience of the party, and the demonstrated ability of the party to manage domain name or similar databases at the required scale.”

Section 5.2.4 of the .net Registry Agreement

.net Designation Timeline

- *Requests for Advice on Selection Criteria (31 March – 31 July 2004)*
- *Development of Request for Proposal (1 August – 30 Sept 2004)*
- *Proposal Submission Period (1 October - 30 November 2004)*
- *Public Comment Period (1 December – 15 December 2004)*
- *Evaluation and Reporting Period (15 December – 28 February 2004)*
- *Consideration by the ICANN Board (March 2005 Board meeting)*
- *Announcement of successor .net Registry Operator (March 2005)*

Procedure Details

- This procedure was posted on a timely basis:

<http://www.icann.org/announcements/announcement-29jun04.htm>

- In accordance with bylaws, ICANN conducted a public comment period 2 June – 24 June 2004:

<http://forum.icann.org/lists/dotnet-comments/>

- The Procedures were adopted by the ICANN Board on 29 June 2004:

<http://www.icann.org/minutes/resolutions-29jun04.htm>

GNSO Criteria Recommendations

Mission of the .net subcommittee:

- To draft a set of criteria and conditions for .net consistent with the ICANN mission and core values for consideration by the Council, taking account of any elements from the dot org reassignment where relevant.

Draft report from the .net sub-committee 6 May 2004

GNSO .net Sub-committee Actions

Draft reports were issued:

- 6 May 2004
 - <http://gns0.icann.org/issues/dotnet/dotnet-draft-reportv2.pdf>
- 14 May 2004
 - <http://gns0.icann.org/issues/dotnet/dotnet-draft-reportv3.pdf>
- 26 May 2004
 - <http://gns0.icann.org/issues/dotnet/dotnet-draft-reportv51.pdf>

GNSO .net Sub-committee Actions

Public comment periods were held:

- 25 Jun – 14 July 2004
 - <http://www.icann.org/announcements/announcement-25jun04.htm>
 - First Public Comment period - on criteria:
- 28 May 2004 - 18 June 2004
 - <http://www.icann.org/announcements/announcement-28may04.htm>

A final report was issued to the GNSO Council on 16 June 2004,
a revised final report was issued 22 July:

- <http://www.gnsso.icann.org/issues/dotnet/dotnet-reportv9.pdf>