Below, please find replies to the requested information relating to Expressions of Interest For EPDP Phase 2A [Vice] Chair:

* What is your interest in this position?

Candidly, I was asked if I could apply to assist this effort. That said, I very much appreciate the importance of the work of this group towards a trustworthy Internet, and would consider it a privilege to contribute to facilitating their discussions.

* What particular skills and attributes do you have that will assist you in chairing the EPDP?

Several things first come to mind here: my work at WIPO – a specialized agency of the UN, demands professionalism and neutrality, my decade-plus experience in Internet policy matters including at WIPO and in the private sector (which also gives me familiarity with ICANN and many of its stakeholders). I have previously taken the WIPO Mediation training course, and work in WIPO’s Arbitration and Mediation Center. Also of relevance is my having lived and worked abroad for almost 14 years now and having worked on and managed teams with colleagues across many different cultures and having many different perspectives and working methods.

I have also sought to keep abreast of relevant developments in this area including in relation to WIPO’s work as a dispute resolution service provider with a number of ccTLDs which predates many of the policy discussions going on at ICANN. See also below my Conflict of Interest Statement.

* What is your knowledge of the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, EPDP Team's Phase 1 and Phase 2 work, and associated challenges and requirements particularly as it relates to the EPDP?

Primarily with a view to my role at WIPO managing the UDRP process, I have tracked developments related to the TempSpec and related EPDP work and have sought to provide input from a UDRP provider perspective where applicable and relevant. I also understand a core issue of finding a balance in compliance challenges (including applying a balancing test for disclosure requests) faced by contracted parties on the one hand, and requirements/requests for data from an enforcement perspective on the other.

* What is your experience in and knowledge of the GNSO policy development process, ICANN's consensus policies, ICANN's registry agreements, and the Registrar Accreditation Agreement related to gTLD registration data?

I most recently co-chaired the RPM WG which Final Report with 34 consensus recommendations (one minority statement) was just unanimously approved by Council, and some years back briefly participated in the Policy & Implementation and UDRP Lock WGs. I had also looked at the RA and RAA in e.g., creating registry policies for new gTLD (mostly .brands) clients in my past job. In my current role, I also have occasion to become familiar with certain aspects of the RAA relevant to UDRP proceedings.

* Are you able to commit the time required and necessary work needed to chair the EPDP?

Yes, though for clarity this is for the Vice Chair role.

* Conflict of Interest Statement: do you have any affiliation with or involvement in any organization or entity with any financial or non-financial interest in the subject matter of this EPDP?

Indirectly. As you may be aware, I currently work for WIPO – the World Intellectual Property Organization, the global leading UDRP provider. (It is important to point out that WIPO’s UDRP services are provided to the ICANN and global Internet community on a not-for-profit basis so my interest, for WIPO, should be considered non-financial.) As such, for myself and for WIPO, my core interest would be clarity in terms of responsibilities and obligations stemming from registration data for all UDRP providers and stakeholders – which notably includes registrars.

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My current SOI is at: <https://community.icann.org/display/gnsosoi/Brian+Beckham+SOI>

Should I be selected for this role, I confirm my commitment and ability to act neutrally.

Finally, I have read and understand the required expectations of the Chair and expect they would apply mutatis mutandis to the role of Vice Chair.