SubPro WT 4: IDN / Technical / Operations

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Agenda

1 Welcome, Opening Remarks and SOI updates

2 Registry Services

3 AOB and closing

1. Welcome, Opening Remarks and SOI updates

2. Registry Services

Registry Services

- Mainly used as a mean to collect information to build "Exhibit A" (Approved Services) in registry contracts
- Probably less useful when technical evaluation is done in bulk or not done at all (RSP Program)
- Undergoing discussions might streamline registry service adoption ("free to deploy" services, services requiring no contract amendment)
- Possible source of innovation, although not seen so far

Registry Services - Straw-person #1

Applicants will be allowed but not required to specify additional registry services beyond base Exhibit A services (DNS zone publication, WHOIS, EPP etc.)

List of previously approved registry services (IDN Languages, GPML, BTPPA) to be included by reference in AGB and contract.

When applicants informed additional registry services, those will be evaluated thru RSEP at evaluation time or contracting time, at applicant's discretion.

Registry Services - Straw-person #2

Applicants should provide name of all Registry Services to be provided.

Applicant acknowledges that ICANN may establish two application evaluation tracks which will operate separately, one for applications which propose new registry services and one for applications which contain only the following pre-approved registry services: [LIST OF PRE-APPROVED SERVICES]

Descriptions for non-pre-approved services should include both technical and business components of each proposed service, and address any potential security or stability concerns.

Registry Services - Straw-person #3

Applicants will be allowed (but not required) to specify additional registry services. Registry services that can be included at any time and are already approved are: IDN registrations, certain additional marketplace Rights Protection Mechanisms that have been identified as "blocks"), and Bulk Transfer After Partial Portfolio Acquisition (BTPPA).

If the applicant includes additional registry services, the applicant is to specify whether it wants those services should be evaluated in parallel with the application evaluation, during the contract negotiation and execution process, or after the contract signing. ICANN will use the RSEP policy and process for evaluation of additional services.

Timing: Additional Registry Services evaluation should not extend the evaluation process and is likely to extend the contract negotiation process.

Registry Services - Straw-person #4 (current implementation)

ICANN will review the applicant's proposed registry services for any possible adverse impact on security or stability. The applicant will be required to provide a list of proposed registry services in its application.

Proposed registry services will be examined to determine if they might raise significant stability or security issue

(And while not written in AGB, Registry Services were also compared to Technical Questions and Financial Questions by evaluators)

Registry Services: Straw-person comparison (1/2)

- #1 and #3 are similar to each other
- #2 and #4 also similar except for pre-approved services and the need to describe business aspects in #2
- #1, #2, #3 #4 are not that different overall, except for #4 not having pre-approved services and for #2 requiring business features description in some cases
- #3 still mentions an after signature possible timing, which would put this WG out of its charter (it's covered by RSEP Policy)
- #2 and #3 has guidance on timing and processing of applications in tracks where #1 is silent on it
  - In practice #1 creates 2 tracks since RSEP is an already established procedure, although not making that explicit

Registry Services: Straw-person comparison (2/2)

- #1 incorporates a list of pre-approved services by reference, although mentioning some, while #2 and #3 explicitly names a list
- #1 and #3 only requires applicant to inform about registry services that are not in the pre-approved list while #2 requires all services to be informed, although #2 only requires naming pre-approved services and to describe only additional services in detail

Registry Services: Straw-person decision matrix

1. Pre-approved services

    a. Yes (SPs 1, 2 and 3)

    b. No (SP 4)

2. 2+ Tracks

    a. Explicit guidance (SPs 2 and 3)

    b. Implied guidance (SP 1)

    c. Single-track (SP 4)

3. Timing

    a. No guidance (SP 1, SP 2)

    b. Same timing during application, but different on contracting (SP 3)

    c. Same timing during application and contracting (SP 4)

Registry Services: Straw-person decision matrix (if there are pre-approved services)

1. List of pre-approved services

    a. Enumerated (SPs 2 and 3)

    b. By reference (SP 1)

2. Enumerate which pre-approved services applicant will be provide

    a. Not required (SPs 1 and 3)

    b. Required (SP 2)

3. Business description required for non-pre-approved services

    a. Required (SP 2)

    b. Not required, focus on security and stability (SP 1, SP 3, SP 4)

Registry Services:Minimum Pre-approved services (if there are such)

1. Base Exhibit A services (contractual requirements like EPP, DNS publication etc.)

   a. Yes

   b. No

2. IDN services following ICANN IDN Guidelines

   a. Yes

   b. No

3. Non-mandatory block-type RPMs

   a. Yes

   b. No

4. BTAPPA ("Bulk Transfer After Partial Portfolio Acquisition")

   a. Yes

   b. No

3. AOB and closing

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- AOB ?

- Originally WT4 would have a call October 24th; cancelled due to proximity with Abu-Dhabi meeting

- Next WT4 activity will be a F2F meeting at Abu-Dhabi, focused on Financial Evaluation