**NTIA IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group**

**Requested Information for Community Proposals**

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The NTIA IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) from identified customer communities of the IANA, with a target deadline for response by 31 December 2014. The request is extended also to all communities of interest, who may provide comments according to this RFP, or in another format.

While other parties with specific interest may also respond, they are strongly encouraged to participate in the respective community processes; as the ability of the ICG to assimilate substantive contributions from outside of those communities may be limited.

Communities are asked to adhere to open and inclusive processes in developing their responses, so that all community members may fully participate in and observe those processes. Communities are also asked to actively seek out and encourage wider participation by any other parties with interest in their response.

A major challenge of the ICG will be to identify and help reconcile differences between submissions, in order to produce a single plan for the transition of IANA stewardship. Proposals should therefore focus on those elements that are considered to be truly essential to the transition of their specific IANA functions. In the interest of proposals providing consistent information, each community is strongly encouraged to provide extensive references to the portions of the current IANA Functions Contract that relate to their community. In particular, the ICANN Proposal, which is available at: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2012/icann-proposal>, provides significant detail about the current IANA activities – proposals should make maximize references to appropriate sections and figures in describing both the current and future requirements.

**Requested Information Elements to be Addressed in Proposals**

The three customer communities of IANA – representing Names, Numbers and Protocol Parameters – are each asked to submit a proposal which addresses the following aspects of their own individual community requirements/arrangements. It is recognized that a community may comprise distinct and separable sub-communities; and in such cases separate distinct responses may be necessary, on an understanding that such responses will be largely distinct and involve minimal conflict or incompatibility between them.

Proposals are requested to address the following questions in as much detail possible, and according to the suggested format/structure, to allow the ICG to more easily assimilate the results. While each question is narrowly defined to allow for comparison between answers, respondents are encouraged to provide further information in explanatory sections, including descriptive summaries of policies/practices and associated references to source documents of specific policies/practices. In this way, the responses to the questionnaire will be useful at the operational level as well as to the broader stakeholder communities.

1. IANA Activities/Services

For your community, please describe the specific distinct IANA services or activities on which you rely:

Specific information requested (for each IANA activity or service):

* Name/Identifier:
* Customer:
* Detailed description:
* Registries affected:
* Source(s) of policy (as documented below):
* Dispute resolution mechanism:
* Source of oversight (below):
* Accountability mechanisms (below):
* Transitional implications:

2. Policy

Please identity the specific source(s) of policy which must be followed by the IANA in its conduct of services or activities described above. If there are distinct sources of policy, or policy development processes (PDPs), for different IANA activities, then please describe these separately.

Please include the following specific information regarding each distinct PDP:

* Name/Identifier:
* IANA activities/services affected (as above):
* Participants:
* Venues (physical and online):
* Formal PDP description/documentation source:
* Dispute resolution mechanism:
* Source of oversight (as below):
* Accountability mechanisms (below):
* Transitional implications:

3. Oversight

Please identify the specific source(s) or formal or informal oversight for the development and implementation of IANA policies on which your community relies:

* Name/identifier:
* Location of source (organizational/community/geographic/etc):
* Policies/Activities concerned (as described above):
* Specific oversight role performed:
* Accountability mechanisms (below):
* Transitional implications:

4. Transitional Implications

For the elements of your IANA activity/service identified above, please list any transitional implications. This may include:

* Continuity of service requirements
* Risks
* Service integration aspects
* ??
* Description of any legal framework needs/requirements in the absence of the NTIA contract

5. Accountability

In more detail please describe the accountability (eg reporting or review) mechanisms that relate to policy implementation and oversight described in this response.

* Mechanism:
* Frequency:
* Service or activity accountable:
* Audience:
* Escalation mechanism:
* Transitional implications:

6. Process for this response

Please provide a description of the process by which this response was developed, including:

* Development process, steps, etc
* Links to announcements, agendas, meeting proceedings:
* Assessment of consensus levels, including areas of contention/disagreement (according to guide provided)

7. The NTIA has requested that proposals have the broad community support and address certain principles. Please describe how your proposal meets these requirements including:

* Description of how you have tested or evaluated the workability of your proposal and how it compares to established procedures.
* A statement of broad community support
* Maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet DNS;
* Meets the needs and expectation of the global customers and partners of the IANA services; and,
* Maintains the openness of the Internet.
* The NTIA