**IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group**

**Process Timeline**

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The IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) has developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) that seeks complete formal responses from the “operational communities” of IANA (i.e., those with direct operational or service relationships with the IANA functions operator, in connection with names, numbers, or protocol parameters) by 31 December 2014. This document shows the steps that will be taken by the ICG and the Internet community to produce the response for NTIA. The goal remains for the transition to take place in September 2015.

The ICG is well aware of the challenges presented by the entire transition timeline, and it recognizes that the whole Internet community has a role in the development and review of the response for NTIA. The ICG is providing this timeline for review and comment. It is an aggressive timeline, but every attempt has been made to make it flexible. It is intended to allow all communities to participate effectively.

**Step 0: Request for Communities to produce proposals – target: now**

The ICG is aware that most communities have already this work using their own processes. The ICG plans to publish a detailed call for responses from all communities at the beginning of September 2014.

**Step 1: Communities Develop Proposals – target: 31 Dec 2014**

Communities develop their proposal text. Use of open and transparent processes is strongly encouraged to allow all interested parties to provide input and continuously review progress.

**Step 2: ICG Develops Draft Response – target: 27 Feb 2015**

The ICG will assemble the proposals from the communities, publishing a draft response and, if necessary, a companion analysis document. The ICG will seek review and comments from all communities, the global Internet community, IANA, and NTIA.

Begin testing (Step 4) for any parts of the response that are ready.

**Step 3: Review of the Draft Response – target: 29 May 2015**

Communities review the strawman proposal, resolving any identified gaps and update their responses based on received comments. Comments from IANA and NTIA are strongly desired.

**Step 4: Testing – target: 31 Jul 2015**

Demonstrate that the system can run as proposed. Keep it running in this manner.

**Step 5: ICG Develops Final Response – target: 26 Jun 2015**

The ICG produces the final proposal.

**Step 6: Final Response Review – target: 26 Jun 2015**

Final community review of the response is requested. Comments from NTIA are strongly desired.

**Step 7: Proposal Delivery – target: 31 Jul 2015**

Does the community have consensus on the proposal content? Has testing shown the system is working? If so, the ICG formally submits the final proposal to NTIA.

**Step 8: NTIA Approval – target: 30 Sep 2015**

NTIA does whatever they need to do with the proposal. It is unknown how much time will be needed, but we should expect several months.