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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: PIR Plans for DNSSEC Implementation

Dear Ed:

Thank you for your letter of August 2, 2006 regarding PIR's plans concerning the implementation of DNSSEC. As this is a very important step in the added security of the DNS, ICANN congratulates you and strongly support your plans for this implementation.

For any guidance on the operational implementation you may benefit from the BCP on this topic. The current BCP draft is available at: <ftp://ftp.rfc-editor.org/in-notes/internet-drafts/draft-ietf-dnsop-dnssec-operational-practices-08.txt> and it is currently expected to be published as final by the end of August or early September.

In terms of your question related to approval from ICANN, we suggest that you submit the request through the Process Evaluation of Registry Services, as announced to be in effect 15 August 2006 (<http://icann.org/announcements/rsep-advisory-25jul06.htm>). This will provide a record of the request and provide a straightforward, timely manner to approve the request. Note that in a request of this sort, PIR need only to provide information that is required to convey germane information and not complete "all" the sections in the on-line registry services tool. So long as PIR plans do not differ from the IETF standard and BCP guidelines for the technical implementation, this approval process in my opinion, will be a formality. Regarding timing, I would recommend that PIR provide the request when a preliminary timetable for the implementation has been developed.

Kind regards,

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