

To: Jeff Neuman

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Re: Request No. 20231213-1

This is in response to your request for documentary information (Request), which was submitted on 13 December 2023 through the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers' (ICANN) Documentary Information Disclosure Policy (DIDP). For reference, the Request is attached to the email forwarding this Response.

Items Requested

Your Request seeks the disclosure of a copy of the agreement for hosting an instance of the L-Root.

Response

The DIDP is a mechanism, developed through community consultation, to ensure that information contained in documents concerning ICANN, and within ICANN org's possession, custody, or control, that are not already publicly available is made available to the public unless there is a compelling reason for confidentiality. (See <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/didp-2023-01-24-en>.) This Response was prepared in accordance with the Process for Responding to ICANN's DIDP Requests. (See <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/didpresponse-process-21jan23-en.pdf>).

As part of its commitment to transparency, ICANN makes available a comprehensive set of materials on its website as a matter of course, including, but not limited to, information about the ICANN Managed Root Server (IMRS), which has previously been referred to as "L-Root". Specifically, the [IMRS webpage](#) on icann.org provides information on "[How to host an ICANN Managed Root Server \(IMRS\) inside your network](#)", "[FAQ about hosting an IMRS-Single in your network](#)", [IMRS locations](#), [IMRS DNS-Stats](#), [IMRS Peering information](#), [IMRS RSSAC responses \(measurements and other information\)](#), [IMRS Activities and Incident Reports](#), and [Root Server Principles](#).

An IMRS Instance is a single server, or a set of servers and associated hardware, providing the IMRS service that is singularly managed, controlled, and supervised as a unique identity. An Instance presents a clearly defined routing policy to the Internet, and as such it remains independent of all other instances in the IMRS constellation. An IMRS Single is an IMRS instance deployment using just one server in an "appliance" model. IMRS Single deployments are hosted by a third party, but managed, controlled and supervised by ICANN. An IMRS contract is provided upon successful completion of ICANN due-diligence. (See "[FAQ about hosting an IMRS-Single in your network](#)".)

In response to your request for a copy of the agreement for hosting an instance of the L-Root (L-Single Hosting Agreement), ICANN will publish a redacted template of an L-Single Hosting Agreement by the end of the month on the [IMRS webpage](#). Certain technical and operational specifications contained in the agreement are subject to the following DIDP Defined Condition of Nondisclosure, are not appropriate for disclosure, and will therefore be redacted from the published agreement:

- Information that, if disclosed, could be harmful to the security and stability of the Internet, including the operation of the ICANN Managed Root Server or the Root Server System for which ICANN facilitates the coordination, or any changes, modifications, or additions to the root zone.

Public Interest in Disclosure of Information Subject to Nondisclosure Conditions

Notwithstanding the applicable Nondisclosure Conditions identified in this Response, ICANN has considered whether the public interest in disclosure of the additional documentary information subject to these conditions at this point in time outweighs the harm that may be caused by such disclosure. ICANN has determined that there are no current circumstances for which the public interest in disclosing the information that ICANN will redact from the template before publication outweighs the harm that may be caused by the requested disclosure.

About DIDP

ICANN's DIDP is limited to requests for documentary information already in existence within ICANN that is not publicly available. In addition, the DIDP sets forth Defined Conditions of Nondisclosure. To review a copy of the DIDP, please see <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/didp-2023-01-24-en>. ICANN makes every effort to be as responsive as possible to the entirety of your Request. As part of its accountability and transparency commitments, ICANN continually strives to provide as much information to the community as is reasonable. ICANN hopes this information is helpful. If you have any further inquiries, please forward them to didp@icann.org.