Dear Contracted Party,

As you may know, the ICANN organization has been developing an Open Data Platform as part of our Open Data Program. The goal of the Open Data Program is to provide the community with access to specific datasets.

Open Data Platform Soft Launch
ICANN org is preparing a soft launch of the Open Data Platform in March 2020. The Monthly Registry Reports are expected to be available as datasets in the soft launch. This includes both the per registrar transaction report and registry activity report submitted monthly for each gTLD. These Monthly Registry Reports are currently published to https://icann.org. In accordance with the Registry Agreements, ICANN org will continue to withhold publication of the reports until three months after the end of the month to which the reports relate.

For Registries, there will be **NO change to the current process or tools (RRI) by which you submit monthly reports** to ICANN org.

What Will Change About Accessing the Monthly Registry Reports?
The Open Data Platform will provide users with the same data but with increased functionality and easier access to aggregated datasets. It will allow users to:
- Access and download an entire year's worth of data at a time, as opposed to the current limitation of one month at a time.
- Access and download all top-level domains (TLDs) data simultaneously, as opposed to the current limitation of one TLD at a time.
- Use data visualization tools to parse the data.
- Use different APIs to access the data.

During the soft launch phase of the Program, the monthly registry report data will be available in the Open Data Platform **AND** in its current format on https://icann.org. At the conclusion of the soft launch phase, targeted for August 2020, the data will only be available via the Open Data Platform.

For more information about the Open Data Program and the soft launch of the Open Data Platform, we invite you to attend an informational webinar on 18 February 2020 as part of the ICANN67 Prep Week and a live session during ICANN67. If you have questions or feedback regarding this notification, please send your inquiry to globalsupport@icann.org.

We look forward to seeing you at ICANN67.

Best Regards,

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