



ICANN Registry Request Service

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Proposed Service

Name of Proposed Service:

INFO Specification Update request

Technical description of Proposed Service:

Background:

Afilias signed a new Registry Agreement with ICANN, which was executed on 22 August 2017. Specifications were attached as appendices. Since the new gTLD program was just getting started in earnest, all the ramifications and details of the specifications were not completely finalized. However, clear intent is evidenced in the INFO specs that Afilias desired for the specifications to conform to the new gTLD standard as soon as it stabilized. Evidence of this is as follows:

o The Registry Operator Monthly Reports Appendix, which corresponds to the new gTLD Specification 3, and the Service Level Agreements Appendix, which corresponds to Specification 10, are for all intents and purposes identical.

o The Data Escrow Specification Appendix, which corresponds to the new gTLD Specification 2, and the Whois Specifications Appendix, which corresponds to the new gTLD Specification 4, have similar intent, and indicate similar operational parameters and outcomes, even though the language is somewhat variant.

o The Zone File Access Agreement, which corresponds to the new gTLD Specification 6, is introduced with this language: "Registry Operator and ICANN agree to engage in good faith negotiations to replace this Appendix 3 with the Zone File Access provisions equivalent to that of new gTLD registry operators within 90 days after the final new gTLD Registry Agreement has been approved by the ICANN Board of Directors." It can be assumed that this intent extends to all the specifications.

Therefore, since ICANN and Afilias have both expressed interest in legacy TLDs, specifically INFO, conforming to the new gTLD specifications, Afilias hereby requests that the set of new gTLD specifications replace the existing set of INFO appendices in toto.

[*Appendix A \(Afilias RSEP Request_INFO_Spec_Upgrade.pdf\)*](#)

Consultation

Please describe with specificity your consultations with the community, experts and or others. What were the quantity, nature and content of the consultations?:

In GDD case 179126, ICANN advised Afilias that an RSEP is required to update specifications for info to the new gTLD



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model. This RSEP is the result of that advice.

a. If the registry is a sponsored TLD, what were the nature and content of these consultations with the sponsored TLD community?:

Not applicable

b. Were consultations with gTLD registrars or the registrar constituency appropriate? Which registrars were consulted? What were the nature and content of the consultation?:

Registrars have periodically approached Afilias requesting that operations be standardized as much as possible. Bringing INFO up to the new gTLD specifications model will simplify interactions with registrars.

c. Were consultations with other constituency groups appropriate? Which groups were consulted? What were the nature and content of these consultations?:

No consultations with other constituency groups were made.

d. Were consultations with end users appropriate? Which groups were consulted? What were the nature and content of these consultations?:

No.

e. Who would endorse the introduction of this service? What were the nature and content of these consultations?:

Registrars would endorse the introduction of new gTLD standards.

f. Who would object the introduction of this service? What were(or would be) the nature and content of these consultations?:

Afilias does not anticipate any objections to bringing INFO up to the specification standards of all other new gTLDs.

Timeline



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Please describe the timeline for implementation of the proposed new registry service:

We have transitioned INFO into the operational complex where we operate the other TLDs for which we are RO, and can implement immediately, especially in respect to Reporting and Data Escrow submission through RRI.

Business Description

Describe how the Proposed Service will be offered:

Afilias will conduct operations of INFO according to the new gTLD specifications as we do for all other new gTLDs for which we are Registry Operator.

Describe quality assurance plan or testing of Proposed Service:

We have operated all TLDs for which we are RO with the new gTLD specifications ever since the beginning of new gTLD operations in 2013. The registry system is robust, with operational experience being employed to continually improve the system. INFO is already integrated with these other TLDs

Please list any relevant RFCs or White Papers on the proposed service and explain how those papers are relevant.:

None.

Contractual Provisions

List the relevant contractual provisions impacted by the Proposed Service:

All of the specifications.

What effect, if any, will the Proposed Service have on the reporting of data to ICANN:

We will be immediately able to upgrade to the RRI method, a result ICANN has indicated is a desired outcome.



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What effect, if any, will the Proposed Service have on the Whois?:

INFO will immediately conform to new gTLD Whois standards.

Contract Amendments

Please describe or provide the necessary contractual amendments for the proposed service:

Replace all appendices for INFO with the complete suite of applicable new gTLD specifications.

Benefits of Service

Describe the benefits of the Proposed Service:

Going forward, INFO will operate the same way as all other new gTLDs.

Competition

Do you believe your proposed new Registry Service would have any positive or negative effects on competition?
If so, please explain.:

No.

How would you define the markets in which your proposed Registry Service would compete?:

The market for this service is the registrar community and their customers.

What companies/entities provide services or products that are similar in substance or effect to your proposed Registry Service?:

Every other new gTLD.

In view of your status as a registry operator, would the introduction of your proposed Registry Service potentially impair the ability of other companies/entities that provide similar products or services to compete?:



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No.

Do you propose to work with a vendor or contractor to provide the proposed Registry Service? If so, what is the name of the vendor/contractor, and describe the nature of the services the vendor/contractor would provide.:

We would update the data escrow reporting process with Iron Mountain to conform to the new gTLD standard, specifically the RRI process.

Have you communicated with any of the entities whose products or services might be affected by the introduction of your proposed Registry Service? If so, please describe the communications.:

Not applicable.

Do you have any documents that address the possible effects on competition of your proposed Registry Service? If so, please submit them with your application. (ICANN will keep the documents confidential).:

Afilias has no documents to submit.

Security and Stability

Does the proposed service alter the storage and input of Registry Data?:

No. The proposed service will not alter the storage and input of Registry Data.

Please explain how the proposed service will affect the throughput, response time, consistency or coherence of responses to Internet servers or end systems:

Info will conform to new gTLD SLAs.

Have technical concerns been raised about the proposed service, and if so, how do you intend to address those concerns?:

No technical concerns have been raised.



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Other Issues

Are there any Intellectual Property considerations raised by the Proposed Service:

No.

Does the proposed service contain intellectual property exclusive to your gTLD registry?:

No.

List Disclaimers provided to potential customers regarding the Proposed Service:

Not applicable.

Any other relevant information to include with this request:

None.