Report of Negotiation Session on the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (16 May 2012)

Location: Telephone Conference Call (all day)

Attendees:

- Registrars: Becky Burr (WilmerHale), Volker Greimann (Key Systems), Jeff Eckhaus (Enom), Rob Hall (Momentus)
- ICANN: Samantha Eisner, Dan Halloran, John Jeffrey, Margie Milam, Kurt Pritz, Mike Zupke, and Craig Johnson (Jones Day)

Issues Discussed:

- The negotiation teams discussed the Prague publication date of 4 June 2012, and the schedule for meeting this deadline.
- The Registrar Negotiation Team provided comments on the WHOIS validation proposal clarification submitted by law enforcement representatives, including concerns on the timing of verification or validation steps.
- The Registrar Negotiation Team commented on the data retention clarification document submitted by law enforcement representatives, and proposed modified retention periods depending on the data.
- The negotiation teams considered modifications to the abuse point of contact language with regard to the definition of "illegal activity." The parties also discussed how to determine the process for designation of law enforcement representatives.
- The negotiation teams discussed the process through which a Proxy Accreditation Program could be created.
- The negotiation teams discussed the process for renewing a registrar's accreditation, and the potential to develop of a new form of RAA in the future.
- The negotiation teams explored the Registrar request with regard to the Bulk WHOIS Access (applicable to thick registries only) provisions.
- The negotiation teams explored changes to the RAA with regard to the treatment of resellers.
- The Registrar Negotiation Team commented on the ICANN proposed SLA for WHOIS services, and whether there would be a need to continue to operate under two protocols (Port 43 and the new Extensible protocol to be developed by the IETF, once implemented) and whether there is a potential for the creation of a transition plan.
- The negotiation teams discussed the next steps, and reviewed the action items emerging from the day's negotiations.