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## Today's Agenda

- Workshop Introduction
- RSEP Overview
- RSEP Processing
- Helpful RSEP Tips
- Team Activity
- Question & Answers



## Workshop Introduction



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 Participate in team activities to broaden your knowledge of RSEP



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### HAVE FUN!!!



## RSEP Overview



#### Where did the RSEP come from?

- The Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP)
  was developed through ICANN's consensus
  Policy Development Process (PDP)
  - Defines Registry Services
  - Provides guidance on Security, Stability, and Competition Issues
  - Introduces other process considerations (e.g., the Registry Services Technical Evaluation Panel (RSTEP))



#### What is the RSEP?

- RSEP is the mechanism for Registry Operators (RO) to modify/add/remove Approved Registry Services from the existing RA
- The Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) can be found at:
  - https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/policybd-2012-02-25-en



#### What RSEP Tools are Available?

#### • RRS tool:

- Tool to submit RSEP requests
- https://rrs.icann.org

#### • GDD Portal Case:

- Tool to submit IDN tables, address RSEP inquiries and progress on RSEP requests
- https://gddportal.icann.org –OR– customerservice@icann.org

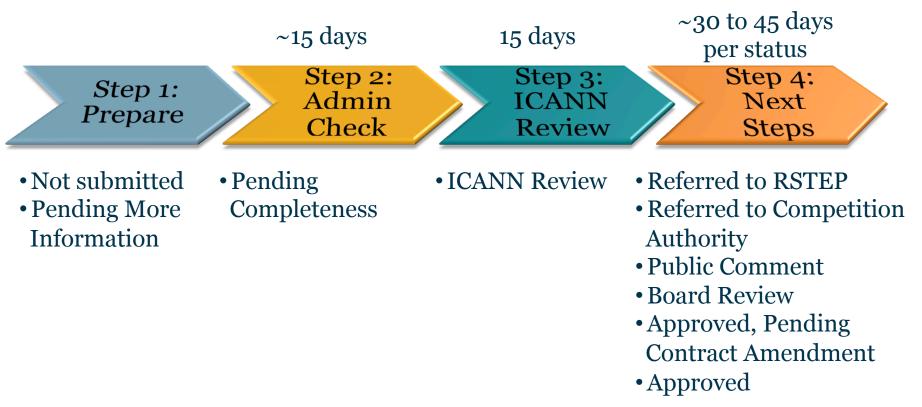


## RSEP Processing



#### **RSEP Process Overview**

• RSEP process steps and associated statuses\* & approximate SLAs for each status step:



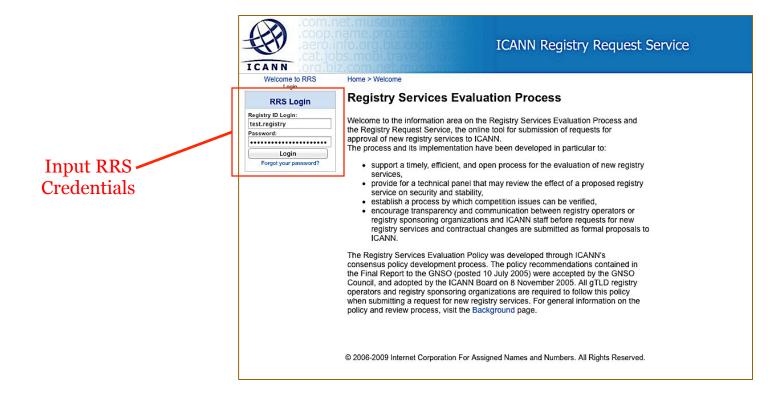


<sup>\*</sup> At any time the RSEP ticket can be withdrawn, cancelled, or declined



# 1.1 RO requests for RRS tool credentials via the GDD Portal Case or customerservice@icann.org

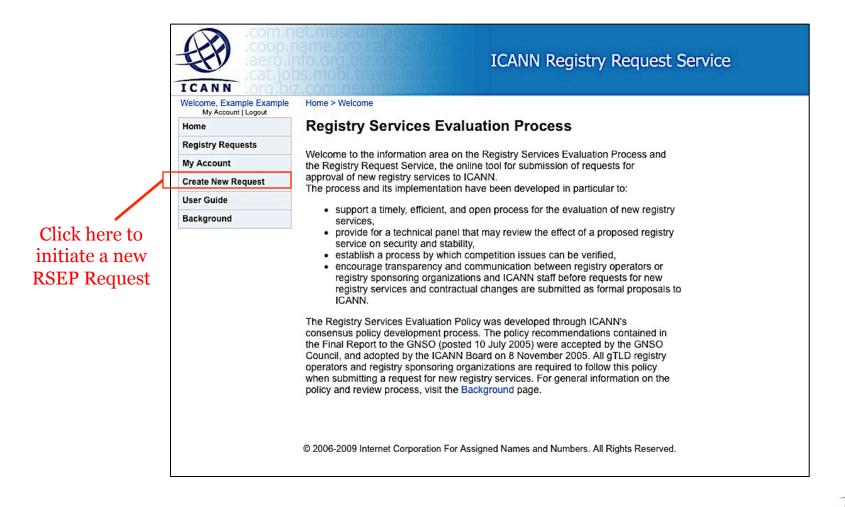
1.2 RO logs into the RRS tool (https://rrs.icann.org)







#### 1.3 RO starts a new RSEP request







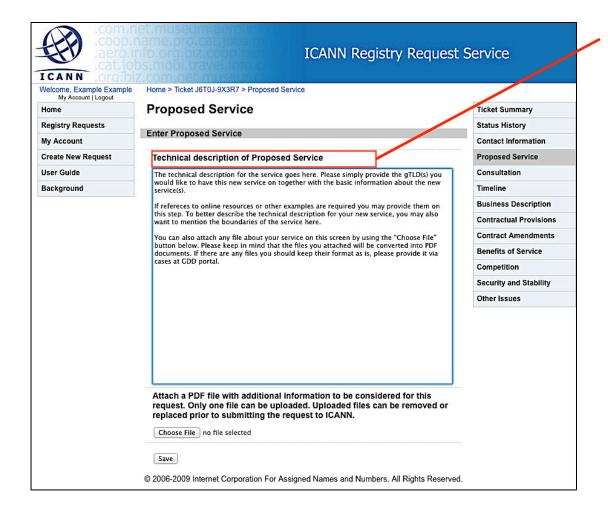
1.4 RO submits ticket name and Registry Contact Information, and is redirected to Ticket Summary page

ICANN	ICANN Registry Reques	t Service
Welcome, Example Example My Account   Logout	Home > Ticket J6T0J-9X3R7	
Home	Ticket Summary	Ticket Summary
Registry Requests		Status History
My Account	Ticket Information	Contact Information
Create New Request	Ticket ID	Proposed Service
User Guide	J6T0J-9X3R7	Consultation
Background	Proposal Number	Timeline
	0	<b>Business Description</b>
	Ticket Name	Contractual Provisions
	Our New Registry Service	<b>Contract Amendments</b>
	Registry	Benefits of Service
	TestRegistry	Competition
	gTLD	Security and Stability
	testTLD1, testTLD2, testTLD3	Other Issues
	Status	
	Not Submitted	
	Status Date	
	2014-09-08 18:20:45	
	Print Ticket Print Status History Withdraw Ticket Submit Ticket	
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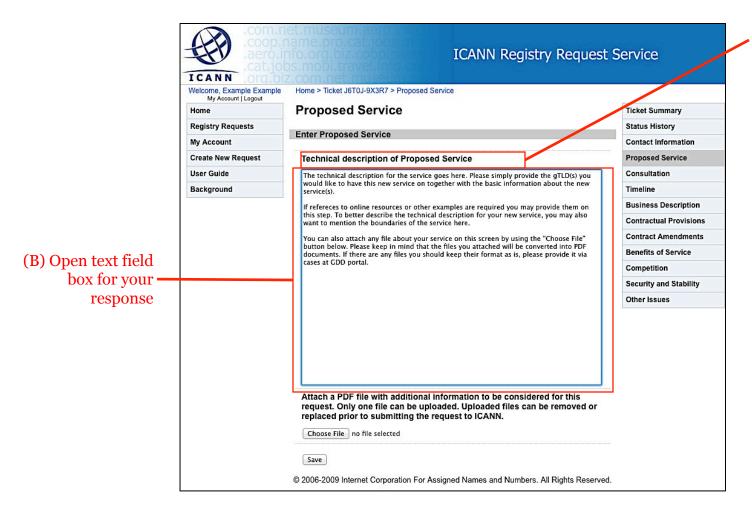


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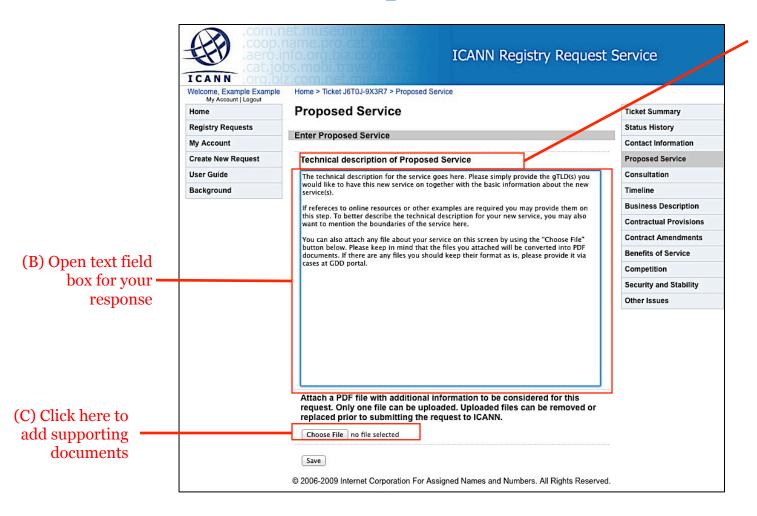


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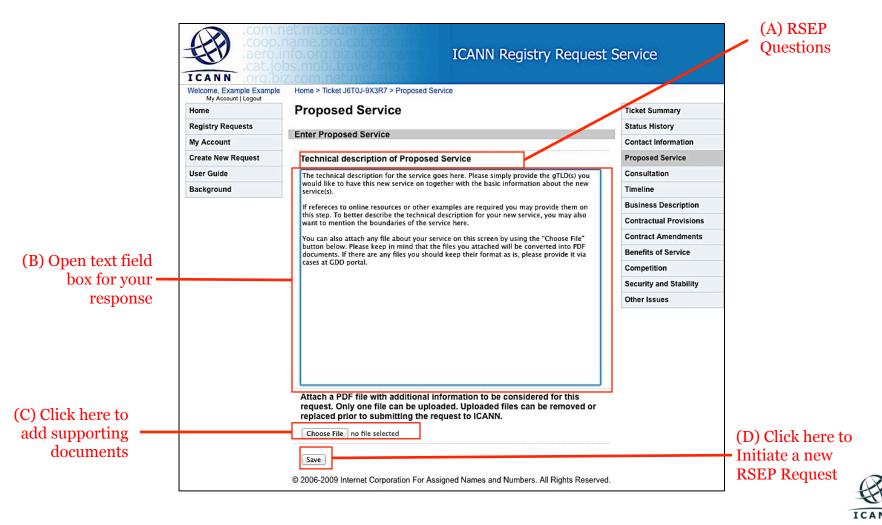


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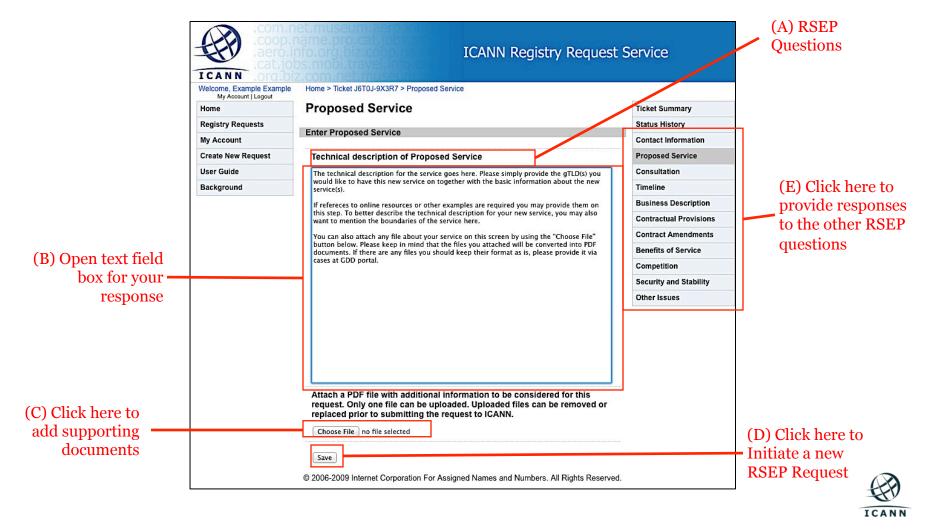


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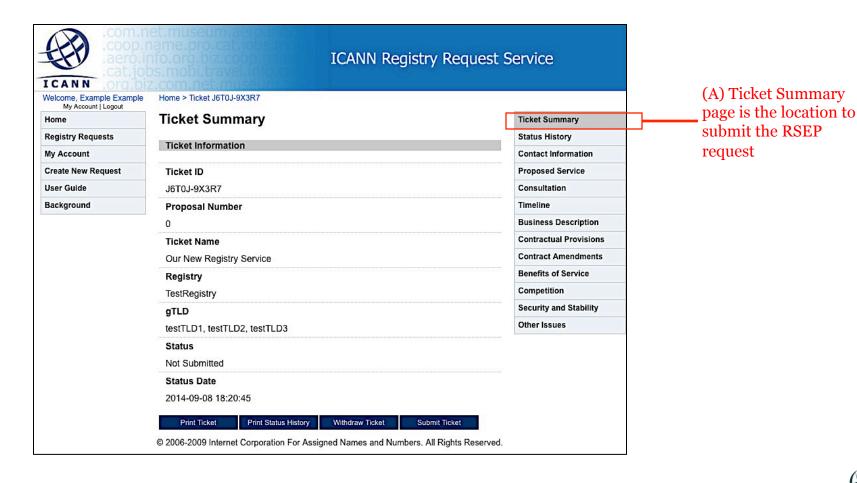


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## Step 2: Admin Check



## 2.1 ICANN performs an administrative completeness review of the RSEP request

- TLD(s) and Registry Operator Name(s) identified in the "Technical Description" of the RSEP
- All questions are answered
- No non-ASCII characters
- All supporting documents are received via GDD Portal case or RRS tool

## 2.2 ICANN performs a content completeness review of the RSEP request

Reviews the content of each RSEP response for completeness



## Step 3: ICANN Review



3.1 ICANN informs RO of the status change of "Pending Completeness" to "ICANN Review" via a GDD Portal case

3.2 ICANN reviews the proposed Registry Service to determine whether it (i) could raises significant Security or Stability issues or (ii) could raise significant Competition issues.

 For example, ICANN tests IDN tables and reviews IDN policies



### Step 4: Next Steps



4.1 ICANN informs RO of the preliminary determination of the RSEP request and one of the following RSEP status via a GDD Portal case/email

- Referred to RSTEP
- Referred to Competition Authority
- Public Comment
- Board Review
- Approved, Pending Contract Amendment
- o Approved



## Step 4: Next Steps



#### Commonly seen "Next Steps" RSEP statuses and activities:

	Referred to RSTEP	Public Comment	Approved, Pending Contract Amendment	Approved
Registry Operator	<ol> <li>Agrees to continue         evaluations with the         RSTEP</li> <li>Pays RSTEP fees</li> <li>Provides clarification to         RSTEP, if requested</li> <li>Work with ICANN on         Next Steps</li> </ol>	1. Agree to proposed amendment language for public comment posting	<ol> <li>Agree to proposed amendment language for execution</li> <li>Sign amendment language</li> </ol>	1. Implement registry service requested through the RSEP in accordance to the RA or RA amendment
ICANN	<ol> <li>Posts RSEP request for public comment</li> <li>Posts RSTEP report for public comment</li> <li>Post public comment summary and analysis reports</li> <li>Work with RO on Next Steps</li> </ol>	Coordinate & post proposed amendment for public comment	<ol> <li>Coordinate proposed amendment language for execution</li> <li>Execute amendment language via DocuSign</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Update necessary webpages (e.g., RA TLD page, RSEP)</li> <li>Inform RO that the approved service can be implemented</li> </ol>

### Step 4: Next Steps



#### 4.2 RO can implement/remove the Registry Service if...

- All pending activities from the RSTEP, Competition Authority,
   Public Comment, and/or Board are complete; AND
- The RA reflects the Approved Registry Service



## Helpful RSEP Tips



### General RSEP Tips

- RRS User Guide can be accessed once you're logged into the RRS tool
  - https://rrs.icann.org/userguide.php
- Registry Primary Contact should request for RRS credentials for authentication purposes
- When communicating with ICANN regarding an RSEP request, please be sure to include the RSEP Ticket ID # or Proposal Number



### General RSEP Tips

- List the TLD(s) and Registry Operator Name(s) that apply to the RSEP request in the "Technical Description" section of the RSEP request
- Non-ASCII characters should be removed within all the responses
- Confirm all supporting documentation is attached and clearly aligns to your RSEP request
  - File Name and Content of the IDN table to should align to the TLD



### **RSEP IDN Tips**

- IDN RSEP must specify a language or a script
- IDN tables must be in .txt format via the GDD Portal and if this table has been previously tested in PDT, please let us know which TLD previously tested this table
- IDN policy must be included within the IDN tables and it must explain how IDN variants are handled
- IDN RSEP is required if you are adding or removing code points from an IDN table



## Two-Character Name Allocation Update





Team Activity:
"True or False?"

| Briefing



## Team Activity Introduction

- Activity Objective:
  - Test your team's knowledge of RSEPs
- Team Activity | 10 minutes
- Activity Results & Answers | 10 minutes
- Material needed:
  - Flip chart
  - o Pen
  - Stickers
  - RSEP Printouts



## Step-by-Step Guidance

- 1. Designate a team lead
- 2. The lead will flip the chart to a blank page and add the draw a vertical line in the middle of the page with a "True" denoted on the left side and "False" denoted on the right side of the vertical line
- 3. The lead will tape the RSEP printouts under the appropriate "True" or "False" header based on the team's feedback
  - o If the statement is true, place it under "True"
  - If the statement is not true, place it under "False"



### Remote participation

• Flip Chart/Paper:

True False

#### • Printed papers:

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- RO only needs RSEP approval to implement a new Registry Service
- RSEP requests are submitted via the GDD Portal
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# Team Activity: "True or False" | Answers



• True:

- False:
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Thank you for your active participation!



## Two-Character Name Allocation Update





## What?

## • Background

- According to Specification 5 of the Registry Agreement,
   "All two-character ASCII labels shall be withheld from registration or allocated..."
- ICANN received 60+ RSEP requests to authorize release of two-character second level domains (SLDs) for new gTLDs.
- These were posted for Public Comment, then summary & analysis for each were reviewed by the Board
- Board directed staff to develop and implement a procedure to release the two-character SLDs for new gTLDs
- ICANN has been developing an authorization process, targeted to be released on 01 December 2014
- An ICANN Blog entry about the subject is available at: <a href="https://www.icann.org/news/blog/icann-clears-the-way-for-two-character-second-level-domain-names">https://www.icann.org/news/blog/icann-clears-the-way-for-two-character-second-level-domain-names</a>



## Two-Character Release Process

- Two Buckets (Process Types)
  - o Bucket #1:
    - Number/Number
    - Letter/Number
    - Number/Letter

Blanket authorization

- o Bucket #2:
  - New submission process

• The RSEP will no longer be used for requests to release two-characters from reservation

## **Two-character Authorization Process**

Bucket # 1: Bucket # 2: **Blanket Authorization** Letter/Letter Authorization Number/Number Letter/Number Letter/Letter Number/Letter Download the authorization request form Submit the form via a GDD Portal case Request will be posted for a 30-day comment period and GAC will be notified Authorization will be released to the nonobjected Letter/Letter codes



## How?

## Bucket #1 (non-Letter/Letter):

- Blanket authorization sent to all contracted new gTLDs
- Blanket authorization will apply to all future contracted new gTLDs



### How?

## Bucket #2 (Letter/Letter):

- Existing RSEP Requests
  - Completed Public Comment Process (without specific objections):
     Registry Operator will receive authorization to release requested two-character SLDs
  - <u>Did Not Complete Public Comment Process:</u>
     For relevant SLDs, resubmit your request using the new process
- Future/New Requests
  - Use new process to request authorization to release Letter/Letter SLDs



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