



# PUBLIC COMMENTS DATA ANALYSIS REFRESH

Period: January 2010-June 2014

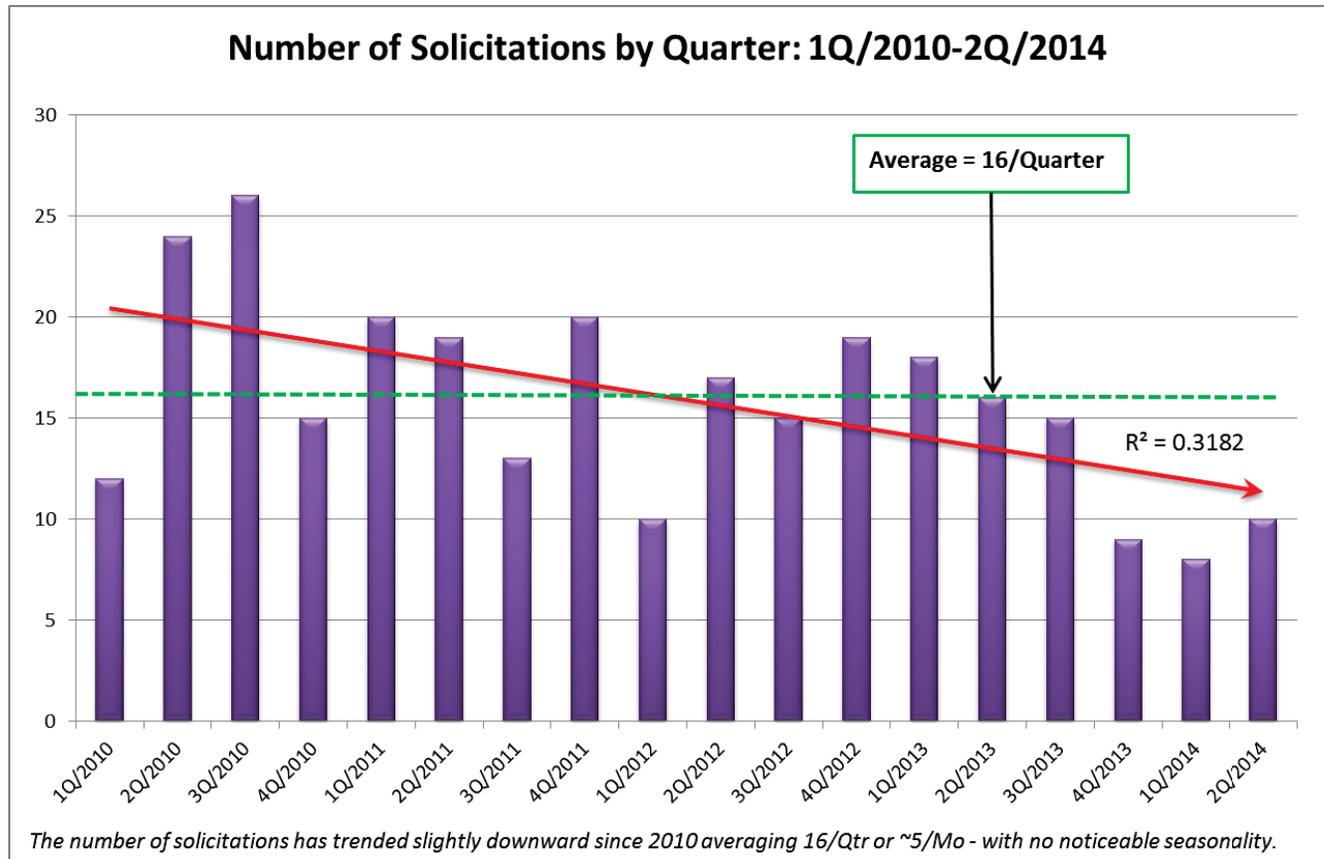
## 2) Findings Related to Public Comments Solicitations

There were **286** Public Comments solicitations (Jan 2010-Jun 2014) included as part of this data analysis. This Chapter summarizes those findings that relate to the solicitations themselves; whereas, Chapter 3 will focus on the comments and replies to particular topics.

### A. Solicitations Published

Chart 1 below shows the number of solicitations by quarter during the four and a half year horizon. A trend line was fit to the data depicting a slight downward trajectory in the average number of solicitations per quarter; however, the strength of the regression is not statistically significant. In other words, the number of topics that ICANN introduces to the community has been relatively stable over the study period and, barring any change in those dynamics, would be predicted to continue in the range of 15-18 per quarter (or 5-6 per month) on average. This result has not materially changed compared to the original report findings.

Chart 1.





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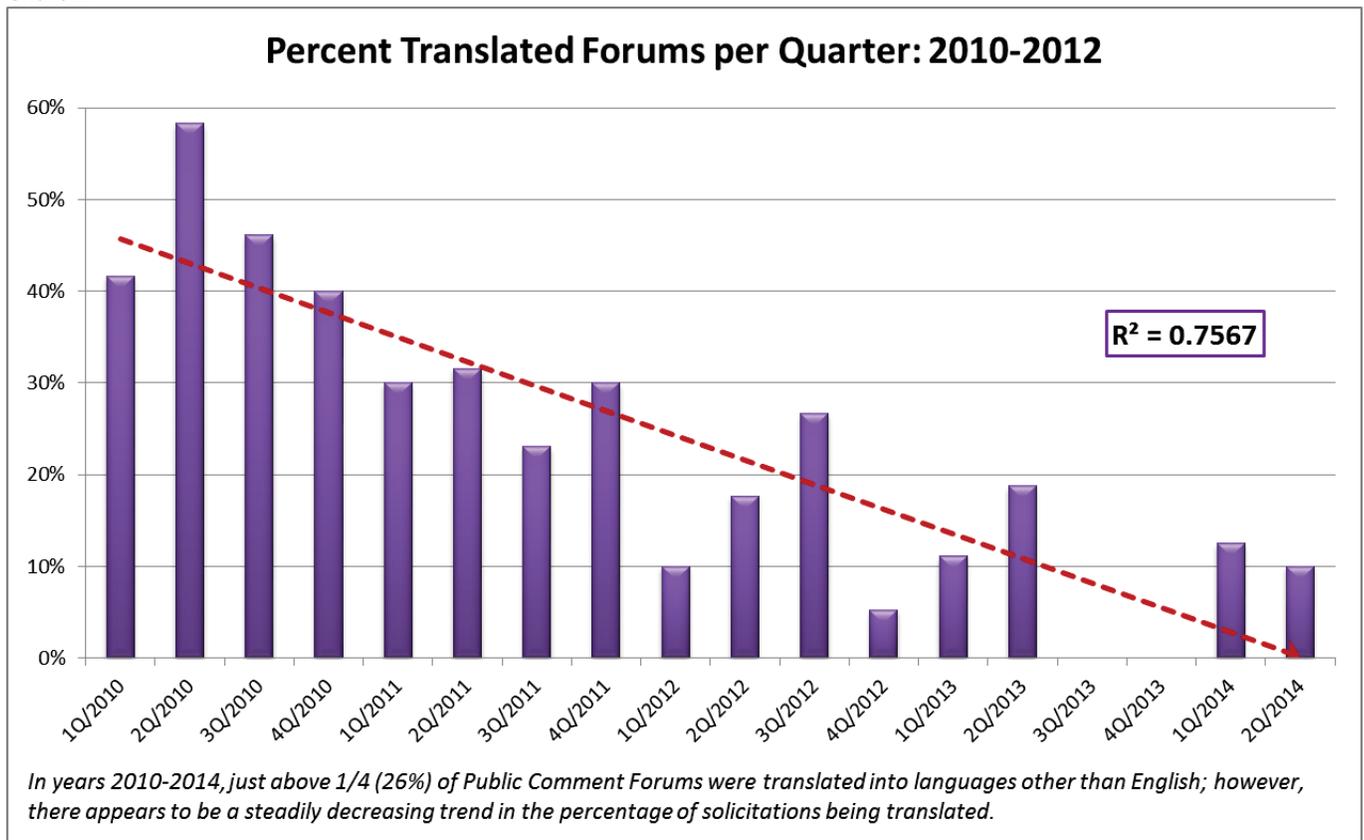
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## B. Solicitations Translated

One of the data elements captured for each solicitation was whether or not translation services were utilized. For this purpose, a solicitation was scored “Yes” for translations if there was evidence that any portion of the materials presented was made available in a language other than English<sup>2</sup>. There was no minimum requirement for number of languages selected or extent/type of material translated. Even if just one reference document was available in another language (e.g., French, Spanish), it was counted as having utilized translation services.

Chart 2 below shows that there has been a relatively steady and statistically significant decline in the use of translations for Public Comments from 2010-2014 (2Q) which was similarly noted in the original report.

Chart 2.



<sup>2</sup> This data references only the Public Comments solicitations, not the Announcements which are often translated.



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## C. Public Comments Solitication Length

Based upon the published Open and Close Dates (extended dates were always used where applicable), it was possible to determine the average (mean) length of time that Public Comments solicitations remained open for community participation.

The following Chart 3 illustrates that, prior to the effective implementation of Comment-Reply Cycles starting in 2Q/2012 (ATRT1 Rec #16), the average length of time for Public Comments was 40 calendar days. Once Reply Cycles were formally introduced, the overall length of solicitations experienced just shy of a two-week step increase. The reason appears to be that, although the original Comment Period was shortened by 8 days (olive bars), the Reply Cycle (orange stacks) averaged 21 days thus lengthening the entire period by 13 days ( $21 - 8 = 13$ ).

Chart 3.

