

Design Team D.	Authorization Function
Draft Transition Proposal Reference	III.A.2 - Oversight and Accountability - NTIA acting as Root Zone Management Process Administrator
Summary Description	<p>Currently the NTIA acting as the Root Zone Management Process Administrator must approve all changes to the Root Zone itself or the Root Zone Whois database that are proposed by IANA before they can be implemented.</p> <p>The CWG needs to decide if this function needs to be replaced post-transition and if so how.</p> <p>.</p>
Detailed description	<p>The design team is expected to review the current process and role of NTIA in relation to authorization and recommend whether or not to replace the NTIA for the authorization of IANA requests. As the DT considers the options it should note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the recommendation is not to replace the NTIA authorization function, IANA will submit its change requests for the Root Zone directly to the Root Zone Maintainer for implementation and will implement changes to the Root Zone Whois database directly. • If the recommendation is to replace the NTIA authorization function IANA will submit its proposed changes to the Root Zone or the Root Zone Whois database to the NTIA replacement for approval in a process that is expected to be similar to what is currently in place. <p>If the DT recommends not replacing the NTIA authorization function, the DT is expected to detail what additional verifications, if any, should be implemented by IANA as a result of removing the NTIA authorization function.</p> <p>If the DT recommends replacing the NTIA authorization function, the DT is expected to propose a draft process for the selection of the replacement(s) that include a list of desired characteristics for the replacement entity.</p>
Proposed Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At a minimum one gTLD registry representatives with operational knowledge of IANA Functions (Still required) • At a minimum one ccTLD registry representatives with operational knowledge of IANA Functions (Still required) • One IANA staff member (current or former) (Still required) • At a minimum one non-direct customer representative with operational knowledge of IANA Functions
Expressions of Interest Received	Danny Younger (At-Large CWG Participant), Jaap Akkerhuis (SSAC Member of the CWG),
Proposed by / Lead	Cheryl Langdon-Orr (ALAC – APRegional Member of CWG)
Status	Step 0
Determination by CWG Chairs	Priority 1 (Provisional)