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| **Design Team F** | **Relationship between the NTIA, IANA and the Root Zone Maintainer** |
| **Draft Transition Proposal Reference** | III.A.1.2.1 |
| **Summary Description** | The IANA functions contract describes and uses the current tri-party arrangement to get changes to the root zone and its WHOIS database implemented. A revised mechanism for getting these changes implemented post transition will have to be developed assuming that the NTIA is no longer part of the process and that the Root Zone Maintainer, currently Verisign, continues to perform that function. |
| **Detailed description** | Removing the authorization function as per the recommendations of DT-D implies changing the architecture of systems and processes for making changes to the Root Zone and the Root Zone Whois database which are at the heart of all key IANA functions.  As such DT-F should review the high level architecture of the processes and systems for making changes to the Root Zone, the Root Zone Whois database, and the Root Zone DNSSEC key management architecture, to identify any issues, and if they exist, recommend solutions. Such solutions should be aligned with the overall objectives and recommendations of the CWG and in particular, the removal of the authorization function while both maintaining the security, stability, and resiliency as well as improving the transparency and accountability of Root Zone management. |
| **Proposed Membership** |  |
| **Proposed by / Lead** | Alan Greenberg |
| **Staff Support** | Bernie Turcotte (lead) / Grace Abuhamad |
| **Expressions of Interest Received** | Jaap Akkerhuis, Gary Campbell, Milton Mueller, Rudi Vansnick, Jordan Carter |
| **Status** | **Step 0** |
| **Determination by CWG Chairs** | **Priority 1 (Provisional)** |
| **Mailing list archives** | <http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/cwg-dtf/> |