

At-Large Workspace: Root Zone Update Process Study

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What We Need Your Input On

The objectives of the Root Zone Update Process Study were to

- investigate whether there is a need to increase (and if so, how) the robustness of the operational arrangements for making changes to the root zone content,
- identify any single points of failure that may exist and,
- should they exist, offer recommendations on how to reduce or eliminate them.

The scope of the study is the processing of change requests to the DNS root zone. The study provider looked for opportunities to improve the overall architecture and process along several dimensions: efficiency, robustness, conformance to policies established by the ICANN community, and confidentiality.

ICANN org requests community review of the initial version of the study.

Proposals For Your Input

[Root Zone Update Process Study \(PDF, 4.58 MB\)](#)

[Provide Your Input](#)

Background

In April 2020, ICANN org opened a request for proposal to find a contractor to perform the Root Zone Update Process Study called for in the IANA transition proposal as described above. An international consortium led by JAS Global Advisors (ICJ) was selected following ICANN org's standard procurement processes. The team worked closely with ICANN org (the IANA Functions Operator) staff and in consultation with Verisign (the Root Zone Maintainer) staff to gather information required to perform the study. The team also surveyed many TLD operators, as described in the study.

ICANN org is interested in the community's feedback on the study, hence this Public Comment.

Next Steps

ICANN org and the study contractor will prepare a final version of the study after reviewing community feedback from this Public Comment.

Supporting Information

This additional information from ICANN org provides more context for this Public Comment Proceeding and may help you review the proposals for input and publish a submission.

Supporting Information

[Proposal to Transition the Stewardship of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority \(IANA\) Functions from the U.S. Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration \(NTIA\) to the Global Multistakeholder Community](#)

[Request for Proposal for Root Zone Update Process Study](#)

FINAL VERSION SUBMITTED (IF RATIFIED)

The final version to be submitted, if the draft is ratified, will be placed here by upon completion of the vote.

FINAL DRAFT VERSION TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE ALAC

The final draft version to be voted upon by the ALAC will be placed here before the vote is to begin.

DRAFT SUBMITTED FOR DISCUSSION

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