

2005-06-07 - .NET Successor Registry Process

- **Category:** gTLDs
- **Topic:** Approval of VeriSign .NET Proposal
- **Board meeting date:** 7 June 2005
- **Resolution number:** 05.35
- **URL for Board minutes/resolution:** <http://www.icann.org/en/minutes/minutes-07jun05.htm>
- **Status:** Completed

Summary

Board selects VeriSign's proposal in response to the .NET RFP, approves the proposed registry agreement, and authorizes ICANN President to implement the agreement.

Text

The balance of the meeting was spent in broad discussion continued from the 1 June 2005 Board Meeting. All of the Board Members, Liaisons and Staff participated in the discussion. The discussion surrounded the .NET registry successor process, the adequacy of the RFP, the independent review conducted by Telcordia, the input of the other .NET applicants, community input and suggestions for contractual provisions, the terms of the current .NET Registry Agreement, and the terms of the newly negotiated .Net Registry Agreement with VeriSign. Peter Dengate Thrush and other proposed that some contingencies be placed upon the proposed VeriSign .NET Registry Agreement and a unofficial straw vote was taken to determine if the Board Members were in agreement, and having failed, no amendment was proposed. Following this discussion, Hagen Hultzsich moved and Thomas Niles seconded, a request for a vote on the following resolution:

Whereas, the May 2001 .NET Registry Agreement between VeriSign, Inc., and ICANN will expire on 30 June 2005;

Whereas, in resolution 04.18, the Board authorized the President to take steps to initiate the process as specified in Section 5.2 of the .NET Registry Agreement for designating a successor operator for the .net registry, including referrals and requests for advice to the GNSO and other relevant committees and organizations as appropriate.

Whereas, in resolutions 04.45 and 04.46, the Board adopted an open and transparent procedure for designating a successor operator for .NET registry, and authorized the President to initiate the process, including working with the GNSO to finalize the .NET successor registry criteria.

Whereas, a detailed request for proposals, including a statement of criteria for assessing the proposals, was developed and, after public comment, and comments and questions from prospective bidders, finalized and posted on the ICANN web site.

Whereas, in response to the RFP, five organizations submitted proposals.

Whereas, numerous public comments concerning the applications were received electronically through ICANN's public comment forums and were posted.

Whereas, an independent evaluation of the proposals was prepared by Telcordia Technologies, Inc.

Whereas, comments from the applicants and the public on the independent evaluation was invited, received, and posted.

Whereas, ICANN has successfully completed the negotiation of a new .NET Registry Agreement with VeriSign, the top-ranked applicant, based upon the previously posted form of agreement.

Whereas, the Board has reviewed the applications, the evaluation report, and the various the comments and other materials received;

Resolved [05.35] that the Board selects the proposal of VeriSign, Inc. to continue its operation of the .NET registry, approves the proposed agreement with VeriSign, and authorizes the President to take such actions as appropriate to implement the agreement.

Implementation Actions

- None
 - Responsible entity: Not applicable
 - Due date: None specified
 - Completion date: Not applicable

Other Related Resolutions

- [Board Resolution 04.18](#), adopted 6 March 2004, initiating the search for .NET registry successor operator.
- [Board Resolutions 04.45 and 04.46](#), adopted 29 June 2004, approving procedure for designating .NET successor operator and authorizing the President to initiate this procedure.
- [Board Resolution 04.100](#), adopted 5 December 2004, authorizing the President and the General Counsel to post the final .NET RFP in accordance with the previously adopted procedure.
- Other resolutions TBD.

Additional Information

- The .NET Registry Agreement is available at: <http://www.icann.org/en/tlds/agreements/net/>.
- For .NET RFP, see: <http://www.icann.org/tlds/dotnet-reassignment/net-rfp-final-10dec04.pdf>.
- For Announcement on GNSO Finalized Criteria Recommendations for Designation of Subsequent .net Registry Operator, see: <http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-10aug04.htm>.
- The resolution does not address funding for the items identified therein.

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