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WHOIS Policy Review Team Final Report

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Brief Overview					
Originating Organization:	WHOIS Policy Review Team (WHOIS RT)				
Categories/Tags:	Reviews/Improvements WHOIS Policy Transparency/Accountability				
Purpose (Brief):	The WHOIS Review Team submitted its Final Report to the Board and public comments are requested to inform subsequent Board consideration and action.				
Current Status:	Final Report for public comment				
Next Steps:	Under the Affirmation of Commitments, the Board will take action within six months of receipt of the recommendations (Final Report).				
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Detailed Information					
Section I: Description, Explanation, and Purpose					
The WHOIS Policy Review Team, constituted under ICANN's Affirmation of Commitments (AoC) agreement with the U.S. Department of Commerce, submitted its Final Report and Recommendations [PDF, 1.44 MB] to the ICANN Board and this document has been posted for public comment. The recommendations were finalized in light of the feedback received on the Review Team's draft report via the online public comment process and ICANN meetings.					
Section II: Background					
Over the past 18 months, the WHOIS Policy Review Team engaged in extensive outreach to communities within and outside of ICANN. The Final Report draws from the fact-finding, comments and analysis conducted by a law enforcement questionnaire circulated by the Serious Organized Crime Agency (SOCA) of the UK, a survey of international Internet users conducted by Atlanta-based User Insight, and extensive outreach to all Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees and constituencies via public comment periods, public forums and individual meetings.					
Section III: Document and Resource Links					
The WHOIS Policy Review Team Final Report [PDF, 1.44 MB].					
Translations of the final report into the 5 UN language will be published as soon as possible. A redline version comparing the posted draft and final report is available at: http://www.icann.org/en/about/aoc-review/whois/final-report-redline-11may12-en.pdf [PDF, 2.93 MB].					
The WHOIS Review Team provided the following set of appendices to document its work:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Section 1: The Effectiveness of ICANN WHOIS Compliance Effort [PDF, 12.27 MB]Section 2: Methodology and Outreach [PDF, 17.62 MB]Section 3: Background and Glossary [PDF, 9.15 MB]Section 4: User Insight Video of Internet Users Attempting to Identify a Website Owner					
Section IV: Additional Information					
The community is invited to provide initial input on the final report by 10 June 2012, and replies to comments by 11 July 2012. Please submit your comments to: whois-rt-final-report@icann.org					
Addendum 25 May 2012: The WHOIS Policy Review Team decides to share the FY11 Compliance Activities Report [PDF, 52 KB] provided by ICANN Staff. For explanations and further information, please read the WHOIS Policy Review Team's announcement .					

(*) Comments submitted after the posted Close Date/Time are not guaranteed to be considered in any final summary, analysis, reporting, or decision-making that takes place once this period lapses.

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