Processing New gTLD Applications

Prioritization Drawing

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Toronto
PROPOSED PRIORITIZATION FOR DELEGATION
(Combined batching & metering solution)

Prioritization Draw

Object

Period Ends

Initial Evaluation Results Released

Prioritization

Initial Evaluation Results
Released

Object

ions, Contentions, IF Fail?

Yes

No

Object

ions,

Yes

No

Accept

Yes

No

Standar

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Agreement

Negotiation

Pre-delegation Test

Weekly

Contract Signing

Beijing

Q2 2013

Delegation

DEC 2012

Guiding

Principles

- Enable program to move forward at a controlled pace
- Objection closed 9 months after publication date
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PROPOSED PRIORITIZATION FOR DELEGATION

- manual prioritization method
- applications will be assigned a Draw Number that will determine priority during the entire following process
- will occur in December
- requires a paper draw ticket, purchased in person, expected to be $100
- a representative can be appointed or ICANN can appoint one
- draw Numbers cannot be exchanged
- “opt-outs” placed at the end
The period for receiving formal objections will expire March 13, 2013.
PROPOSED PRIORITIZATION FOR DELEGATION

- Release ~150 week each week (at same time every week).
- Slower at first
- IDNs go first
- Applications that pass initial evaluation and are free of objections, and contention will progress immediately onto the next step.
PROPOSED PRIORITIZATION FOR DELEGATION

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Period Ends

Prioritization Draw

Initial Evaluation Results Released

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ns, Contentions, IE Fail?

Resolution?

Yes

Yes

EXIT

No

No
Applications that pass initial evaluation and are free of objections, and contention will progress immediately onto the next step.

Applications that fail initial evaluation, or are not free of objections and contention, will be held until initial evaluation is passed and/or objections and contention clear.

Application that later pass extended evaluation, or clear objection or contention will proceed on to the next step … and join applications that pass initial evaluation in the same week that are.
Applications can immediately elect to accept the posted form agreement and pass on to the next phase, or elect to enter into contract negotiations.

Applicants that do not accept the base agreement will enter a negotiation queue that will be processed in Draw Number order.

Multiple negotiations will occur simultaneously.

Contracts that complete the negotiation phase will enter into the next phase, when negotiation is completed.

Contracts will not be executed by ICANN at this stage (see below).
PROPOSED PRIORITIZATION FOR DELEGATION

• Applicants can make appointments for pre-delegation testing in their Draw Number order when they emerge from contract election.

• Sets of applications will be delivered from the contract election to pre-delegation technical testing weekly.

• There will be ~20 appointment slots per week to perform pre-delegation technical testing.

• Applicants can make an appointment at any available time that suits their circumstances.
Use Note: Applicants Select Pre-Delegation Test Appointment Based on Priority

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Use Note: Weekly release of evaluation results

- **Week 1**
  - Initial Evaluation (Set 1)
  - Contract Selection
- **Week 2**
  - Initial Evaluation (Set 2)
  - Contract Selection
  - Pre-Delegation Test Appointment
- **Week 3**
  - Initial Evaluation (Set 3)
  - Contract Selection
  - Pre-Delegation Test Appointment

Releases occur same time once each week (say, 5PM Fri).
PROPOSED PRIORITIZATION FOR DELEGATION

- Pre-delegation Test
- Accept Standard Agreement
- Negotiation
- Pass?
  - No
  - Yes

Yes

- Negotiation
  - No
  - Yes

- Standard Agreement
  - Yes
  - No
PROPOSED PRIORITIZATION FOR DELEGATION

- ICANN will execute agreements that were accepted by applicants above at the rate of approximately 20 / week.

- Contracts will be executed starting after the Beijing meeting.
PROPOSED PRIORITIZATION FOR DELEGATION

- IANA processing will occur on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Based on the metering in the steps above, it is expected that new gTLDs will be delegated at a rate of 80-85 / month, meeting the 1000 TLD / year target with a smooth delegation rate.
PROPOSED PRIORITIZATION FOR DELEGATION
(Combined batching & metering solution)

- Prioritization
- Draw
- Initial Evaluation Results Released
- Objections, Contentions, IE Fail?
  - Yes
  - Resolution?
  - Yes
  - No
  - EXIT
- Accept Standard Agreement
- Pre-delegation Test
  - Yes
  - Pass?
  - Yes
  - No
  - EXIT
- Delegation
  - Weekly Contract Signing
  - Q2 2103

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