

The Registry Service Provider Evaluation Program

ICANN New gTLD Program: Next Round

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What is a Registry Service Provider?

RSPs deliver critical functions on behalf of the registry operator such as:

- Domain Name System
- Extensional Provisional Protocol
- Registration Data Access Protocol
- DNS Security Extensions

Some ccTLDs serve as RSPs for gTLDs today.

RSP Types

- Four types of RSPs:
 - **Main** (EPP, RDAP, Data Escrow, Additional Registry Services)
 - **DNS** (DNS Service)
 - **DNSSEC** (DNSSEC Signing)
 - **Proxy** (“Registration Validation per Applicable Law with Proxy”)
- For a single fee, an organization may be evaluated to be one or more types of RSP. This fee covers all gTLDs for which an RSP may offer services.

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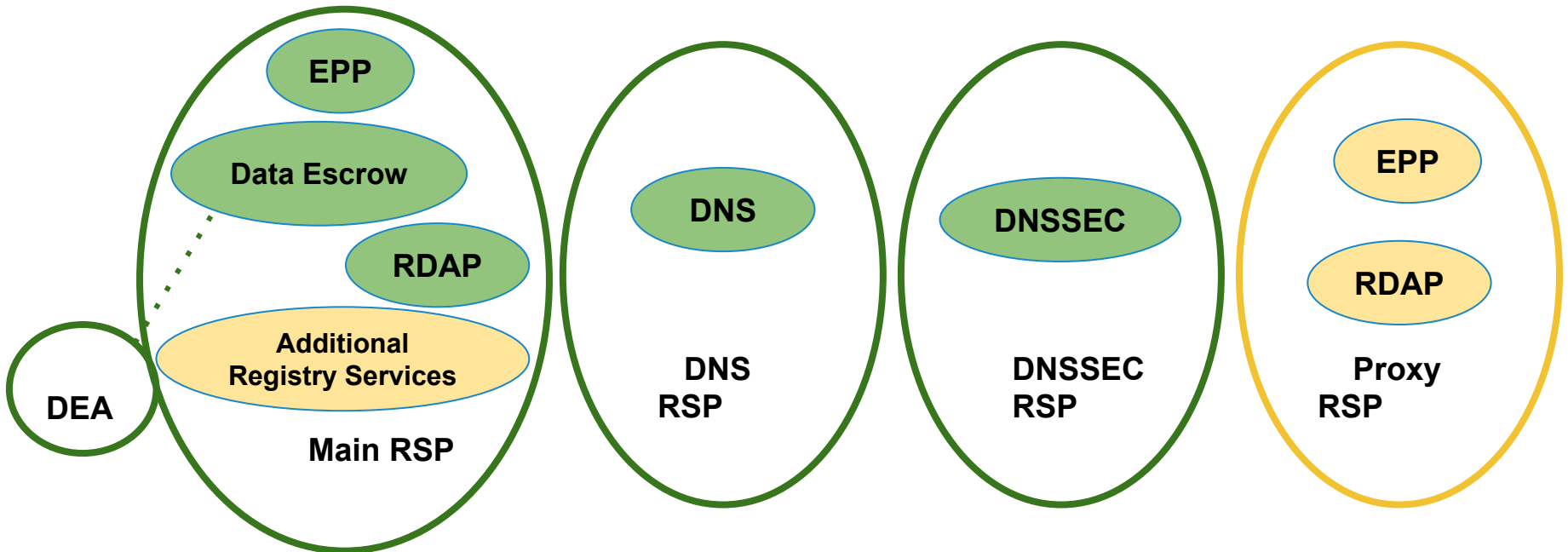
The program:

- Saves time involved in evaluating new gTLDs by evaluating RSPs separately.
- Verifies RSPs have the proper technical qualifications for running a gTLD back-end.

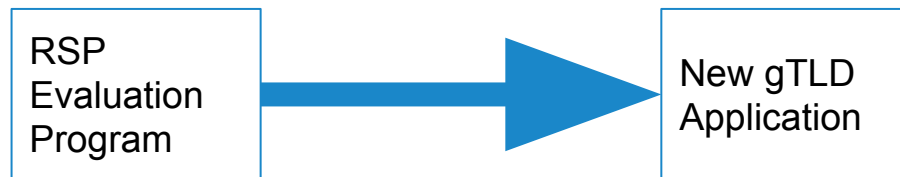
For RSPs, the program enables them to be evaluated just once, no matter how many gTLD applicants they support.

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A gTLD applicant must identify at least one RSP for each of the registry critical functions (i.e., Main, DNS, and DNSSEC).



RSPs and the New gTLD Application Process



During the application process, a list of the following will be made available:

- Evaluated RSPs
- Pre-approved registry services, including a description of the service
- Pre-approved IDN tables

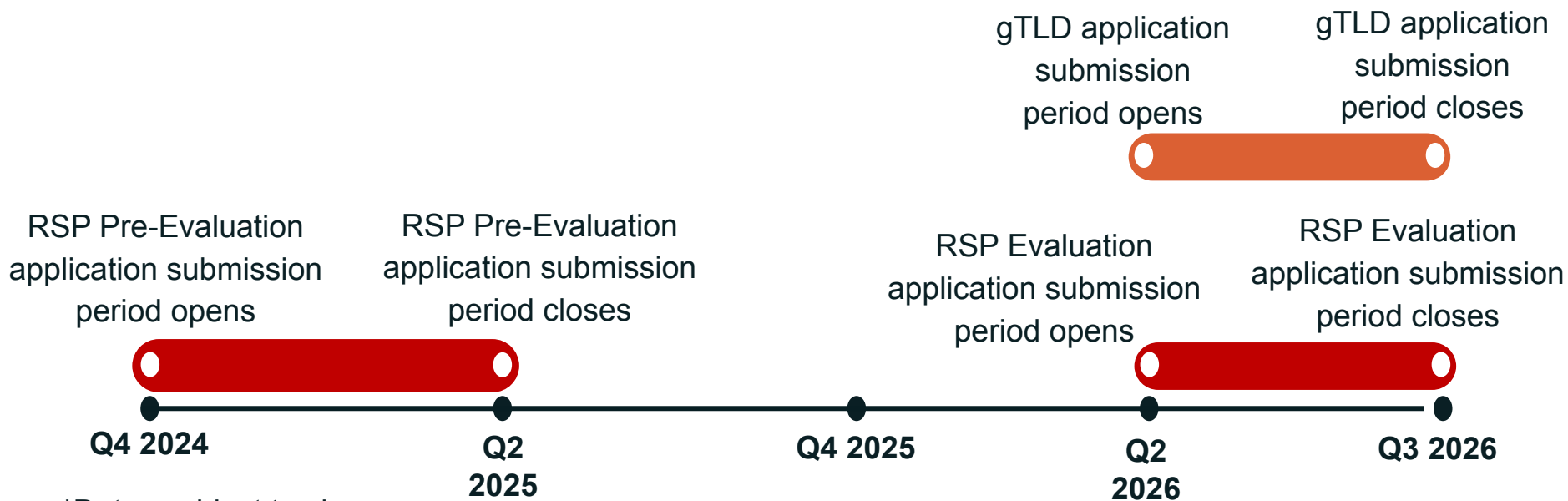
New gTLD Program: Next Round Timeline

Registry Service Provider (RSP) Evaluation Program Application Submission Period:

- Pre-Evaluation period opens November 2024 and closes May 2025
- Another Evaluation period opens and closes during the gTLD application submission periods

New gTLD Program: Next Round Application Submission Period:

- Opens April 2026 and closes September 2026



*Dates subject to change

How to Apply

Quick Answer: ***Read the RSP Handbook***

<https://newgtldprogram.icann.org/en/application-rounds/round2/rsp/handbook>

The RSP handbook describes the process, the technical evaluation, and the technical testing for RSPs.

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