De-Accredited Registrar Transition Procedure

Proposed updates for discussion with the Registrar Stakeholder Group

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DARTP: what?

- Used to ID registrar to receive names from term’d registrar
- Developed at collaborative workshop @ ICANN Delhi (2008) + public comment
- Invoked ~18 times
- Tens of thousands of domains transferred
- Continuously tweaked within the gaps
De-Accreditation or RRA term’d

Losing Rr Proposes Gaining Rr?

YES: ICANN Approves?

NO: ICANN initiates Request for Expressions of Interest

EOIs Reviewed; Application Form Transmitted

Applications Scored

Highest score wins; $ breaks ties

Bulk Transfer Approved
DARTP: why change?

- Has been very effective, but...
- Registrars have requested streamlined app. process
- Consumes many staff hours
- Sometimes very few domains
- Might ignore obvious options
- Potential for repeat selection
DARTP: proposed changes

1. Establish pool of pre-approved registrars
2. Where appropriate, select registrar from pool instead of through full process
3. Simplify “full process” and broaden opportunities for selection
Changes to “full process”

Simplify process & spread opportunities around:

• Combine EOI and application into single form/process
• Set qualifying (threshold) score
• All registrars at / above threshold deemed tied
• Top score not determinative
• Reduces ICANN-pays risk
The pool (little "p")

- Any registrar accredited 2+ years can apply at any time
- Can leave pool at any time
- One-time pre-qualification
- Gaining Rr selected by ICANN for best fit + round robin
- Good-standing check if selected; no re-application
The pool: when to use?

Proposed factors (for feedback):
- Fewer than ~1,000 domains
- Lower quality registration data
- Very small no. of registrants
- Many TLDs or less-supported TLDs
The pool: when to use? cont’d

- Many proxy registrations
- Low perceived value
- Unique, coincidental circumstances (e.g., language, location, backend, customers)
- Urgent or challenging timing (e.g., during holiday or ICANN meeting)
- Deference to local law
The pool: anticipated usage

Historically ~20% would have been ideal candidates for the pool selection process.
New TLDs might bring about more niche market registrars; number of small or less desirable transfers could grow.
Individual selection details could be made available upon request.
Thank You