**Supplemental Notes**

**Best Practice Suggestions**

### 1. SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

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1.1 For Question 30(a):

- Security levels are defined by the applicant. The applicant needs to list commitments it will make to its intended registrants, based on security levels defined. A brief description of each listed commitment should be provided as well.
- The independent assessment report should demonstrate effective security controls over the IT infrastructure that will be used to run the registry operations. The applicant’s response should address any areas highlighted in the independent assessment report requiring mediation. Note that ICANN will not post the independent assessment report publicly.

1.2 For Question 30(b), a security policy and procedures focused solely on the applicant’s registry operations must be provided. Due to the sensitive nature of this information, ICANN will not post the applicant’s security policy publicly.

### 2. BEST PRACTICE SUGGESTIONS:

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2.1 Applicants should read each evaluation question in its entirety, including the notes, criteria, and scoring text. The answer should address all criteria specified, and include detailed rationale demonstrating a thorough understanding of the criteria (i.e., show your work).

2.2 If acronyms are used, applicants should spell out the first instance, even if the acronyms represent a common term/product/service.

2.3 Applicants proposing to outsource a function or functions of their registry operations must address all criteria specified in each relevant question, and include detailed rationale demonstrating a thorough understanding of the criteria (i.e., show your work).

2.4 Simply providing a Curriculum Vitae (CVs/resume) will not be considered as demonstrating technical/operational capabilities nor does it necessarily establish “proof” that resources are on hand. The applicant should provide a detailed explanation of the resourcing plan and should including areas
such as the resources required to manage/run a function, the skillset required, the hiring schedule, and so on. CVs may be used to augment this proposed resourcing plan.

2.5 If a policy/procedure is referenced in an answer, applicants should provide a summary of such policy/procedure. Applicants should not attach copies of the referenced policy/procedure, unless specifically requested.

2.6 If the applicant proposes custom developed software, the applicant should clarify the scope and the extent of the customization including the software development process. This clarification is meant to help evaluation panels understand the integrity of the customized software.

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