

Accountability and Transparency Review Team

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- Financial ownership or senior management/leadership interest: I am a Vice President and shareholder of Afiliast, Ltd. who is party to the .info registry operator contract with ICANN.
- I self-identify with the GNSO - gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group. I will not be representing any other party or person through my review team participation.

Applicant's knowledge of the GNSO community and its structure and operations:

I have been an active participant in ICANN since 2003 as a representative of both a registrar and two registries. In this capacity, I participated at different times in the respective work of the registry and registrar constituencies/stakeholder groups in addressing issues such as Bulk WHOIS, WHOIS accuracy, transfers, introduction of newTLDs and, most recently, the PDP on Vertical Integration.

I have made direct contributions to many of these issues and have observed the various constituencies' and stakeholder groups' participation in the associated policymaking processes. I have worked with, at one time or another, representatives from the Business and Commercial Users Constituency, the Intellectual Property Constituency, the Non-Commercial Users Stakeholders and the Internet Service and Connection Providers Constituency. Having participated in GNSO policy processes both prior to and after the GNSO Improvements Process, I have an solid understanding of the mechanisms and participants in the PDP process.

As a representative of both a registry and a registrar, I understand the roles of Policy, Consensus Policy and Implementation in the work of the GNSO and how those elements relate to the ICANN contract setting. Finally, I understand the importance of inclusiveness and representativeness in the work of the GNSO and have a full appreciation for the role of community input and comment in the ICANN policymaking process.