



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

Date: 18 January 2005
To: Registrars' Community
Re: ICANN Strategic Plan

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Dear Colleagues,

As announced during the annual ICANN meeting in Cape Town, ICANN has extended the public comment period on the Strategic Plan until 28 February 2005. While we encourage all members of the community to participate in this public comment forum, I am taking this opportunity to contact you directly to solicit consultation from registrars for the Strategic Plan. Registrar input is important to public review of this plan. We are particularly interested in receiving input to those areas of the Strategic Plan that are of interest to registrars, receiving feedback concerning those proposals that you support, and understanding those areas that need additional clarification. You may find the section on Competition and Choice (Strategic Priority Two) of particular interest.

The Strategic Plan sets forth ICANN's goals for achieving long-term success in its oversight responsibilities of the systems of unique identifiers, domain names and IP numbers. It is a rolling three-year plan that will continue to evolve as new issues emerge and new priorities are established. The Strategic Plan was posted as a draft on 16 November 2004 online at <http://icann.org/strategic-plan/strategic-plan.html>. After the public comment period, modifications will be made to the Strategic Plan as appropriate. The plan will then be submitted to the ICANN Board for review and approval.

We are arranging a pair of calls with interested registrars on 25 January, at 17:00 UTC (Noon New York and 09:00 Los Angeles), and on 26 January, at 05:00 UTC (14:00 Tokyo, *Tuesday 25 Jan 21:00 Los Angeles*). We hope that you will find one of these times convenient for you to participate. Planning to participate on behalf of ICANN are Paul Twomey, Tim Cole, Barbara Roseman and myself. We will send call details in advance of the meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this. We look forward to discussing the plan with all interested registrars.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Pritz", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Kurt Pritz

cc: Tim Cole
Barbara Roseman