

## **GNSO Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms Working Group Data Collection Request Update – January-February 2018**

### Introduction:

This report is being submitted to the GNSO Council by the co-chairs of the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group, pursuant to the GNSO Council resolution of 20 September 2017 approving the Working Group's request to conduct data collection work: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201709>. The Council's approval mandated a monthly report from the Working Group after December 2017. This is the first such regular report, following the Working Group co-chairs' oral update to the Council at the Council meeting on 21 December 2017: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/meetings/minutes-council-21dec17-en.pdf>.

### Report:

The Working Group's Data Sub Team continues to meet weekly, and as of 23 February has finalized its preliminary guidance for the professional survey designer who will be contracted by ICANN organization for the survey work under a Request for Proposal (RFP) process in accordance with ICANN's internal procurement rules.

The RPM Data Sub Team developed a Data Request Table that included: (1) the applicable refined Charter questions relevant to this data collection exercise for Sunrise and Trademark Claims; (2) corresponding data sources; and (3) suggested draft survey questions. This community-developed table has been included in the RFP documents to provide potential vendors with a better understanding of the project scope and survey tasks. The updated version of the Data Request Table has been forwarded by staff to participating vendors, and it supersedes and replaces the earlier draft table that was published with the RFP announcement.

ICANN org launched the RFP on Monday, 29 January 2018, which was slightly ahead of schedule. All pertinent documents and the RFP timeline are published on [icann.org](http://icann.org), including the guidance developed to date by the Data Sub Team (<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/rfps-en>). Since this is an open RFP, all interested vendors are welcome to apply. ICANN also reached out to potential vendors that had been suggested by Working Group members and invited them to participate in the RFP. As of 22 February 2018, seven (7) vendors had declared an interest in participating and are currently in the process of developing their final proposals. The deadline for final proposal submission is 9 March 2018.

All participating vendors are required to follow ICANN's confidential, competitive bidding process, which is managed by ICANN's Procurement Department. ICANN staff have engaged with several interested vendors to answer clarifying questions and have provided some additional information requested by the vendors in preparing their final RFP responses. 19 February 2018 was the deadline for submission of vendor questions. ICANN responded to these questions on 26 February 2018.

Next Steps:

Following the close of the RFP on 9 March 2018, ICANN staff will review all proposals received. At the current time, no change is anticipated to the timeline for development of the survey.

The PDP Working Group co-chairs plan to submit their next report following after additional Working Group discussions, including at ICANN61 in March in Puerto Rico.

RFP Timeline:

- RFP published - 29 January 2018
  - Deadline to express interest in submitting RFP proposal - 12 February 2018
  - Deadline to submit questions via ICANN RFP Sourcing Tool - 19 February 2018
  - Deadline for ICANN to respond to questions 2 - 6 February 2018
  - Final proposals due - 9 March 2018
  - ICANN evaluation of responses - 19 March to 09 April 2018 F
  - Final evaluations, contracting and award - 10 April to 9 May 2018
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