

17 August 2017

Graeme Bunton
Chair, Registrar Stakeholder Group

Cc: RrSG ExCom, GNSO Council, GNSO Secretaries

Dear Graeme:

The 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement Specification on Privacy and Proxy Registrations (“Specification”) expires on 1 January 2018. The ICANN organization seeks support from the Registrar Working Group (as defined in the 2013 RAA) to extend the Specification expiration date.

Even though the Privacy and Proxy Service Provider Accreditation Program Implementation Review Team (IRT) is progressing at an expeditious pace, the Accreditation Program will not be fully implemented by 1 January 2018. Therefore, ICANN kindly requests the Working Group to discuss a new expiration date since the effective date of this Program has not yet been determined. Similar to the prior extension, please consider the following options 1) one (1) year extension 2) two (2) year extension or until the program requirements go into effect (whichever occurs sooner) and then avoid an additional extension of this expiration date.

Based on the IRT’s current pace, the publication of the Program requirements along with an announcement date may occur by Q1 2018. If the IRT proceeds at its current pace, the initial group of approved applicants may become accredited along with the launch of the compliance program in late 2018. Nevertheless, there are factors that may impact this timeline, including 1) IRT’s completion of the draft accreditation agreement and supporting materials; and (2) potential work required by the IRT post-comment period.

We kindly ask that you discuss this request with your colleagues and respond accordingly to ICANN. Ideally, we would like to resolve this matter by ICANN60.

Regards,

Jennifer Gore, Director of Registrar Services and Engagement