**Proposed Timeline**

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<td>Participants to indicate interest in submitting RFP proposal</td>
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<td>Participants submit any questions via ICANN Sourcing tool</td>
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<td>ICANN responds to participant questions</td>
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- **RFP Planning**
  - Oct-Nov
  - Sourcing Strategy
  - Requirement Gathering
  - Creation of RFP Documents
  - Vendor Research

- **RFP Preparation**
  - Nov-Jan
  - RFP released
  - Q&A
  - Respondents submit proposals

- **RFP Live**
  - Early Feb
  - RFP Live

- **RFP Evaluation**
  - Late Mar
  - RFP Evaluation

- **Contracting**
  - Mid-Apr
  - Vendor presentations
  - Interviews
  - Scoring
  - Reference checks
  - Internal decision

- **Implementation**
  - Mid-May
  - Negotiations
  - Legal checks
  - Planning with vendor
  - Vendor starts transition

- **Kickoff**
  - May-Jul
  - Conduct Surveys

- **Preliminary Findings**
  - Jul
  - Preliminary Findings

- **ICANN60**
  - 2017

- **ICANN61**
  - 2017

- **ICANN62**
  - 2018