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1. SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

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1.2 RESTFUL WHOIS could be proposed as the Web-based Whois service via a web form in the registry website that allows querying the service, and offers HTML/XHTML as the default output. Also, the commitment to offer the service in the final standardized form agreed in the IETF (when it happens) will be considered. For more information on REST WHOIS, see:

<https://www.arin.net/resources/whoisrws/index.html>
<https://labs.ripe.net/ripe-database/database-api/api-documentation>
<https://www.ietf.org/mailman/listinfo/weirds>

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1.1 If the applicant proposes a searchable Whois service, details regarding the approach to comply with applicable privacy laws or policies must be provided. It is not necessary to provide a list of the applicable laws and policies. Only the description of the approach for compliance to such policies and laws are required.

2. BEST PRACTICE SUGGESTIONS:

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2.1 Applicants should read each evaluation question in its entirety, including the notes, criteria, and scoring text. The answer should address all criteria specified, and include detailed rationale demonstrating a thorough understanding of the criteria (i.e., show your work).

2.2 If acronyms are used, applicants should spell out the first instance, even if the acronyms represent a common term/product/service.

2.3 Applicants proposing to outsource a function or functions of their registry operations must address all criteria specified in each relevant question, and include detailed rationale demonstrating a thorough understanding of the criteria (i.e., show your work).



2.4 Simply providing a Curriculum Vitae (CVs/resume) will not be considered as demonstrating technical/operational capabilities nor does it necessarily establish “proof” that resources are on hand. The applicant should provide a detailed explanation of the resourcing plan and should including areas such as the resources required to manage/run a function, the skillset required, the hiring schedule, and so on. CVs may be used to augment this proposed resourcing plan.

2.5 If a policy/procedure is referenced in an answer, applicants should provide a summary of such policy/procedure. Applicants should not attach copies of the referenced policy/procedure, unless specifically requested.

2.6 If the applicant proposes custom developed software, the applicant should clarify the scope and the extent of the customization including the software development process. This clarification is meant to help evaluation panels understand the integrity of the customized software.

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