

# Whois Task Force

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# COMMENTS

<http://sp.icann.org/forum/gnso-whois-questions>

# Terms of Reference

- Define the purpose of the contacts displayed in Whois
- Determine what data should be displayed for public access in Whois; determine how to access data not available for public access
- Improve process for notifying registrants of inaccurate Whois data, and improve process for investigating and correcting inaccurate data.

# Timeline

- Preliminary Report was published Nov. 24
- Public comments taken until January 15
- Final Task Force meeting on February 12; Final Report is Published
- February 22 : Council consideration
- Shortly thereafter: Board consideration

# Policy Development

- For a while, Task Force work was focused on using OPOC proposal as a template
- Recently, Special Purposes proposal was introduced as well
- Other discussion:
  - Display even less information
  - Allow registrant to delete domains instead of having information revealed
  - Some tiered access discussion

# Outstanding Issue: Access to Data

- How do people get access to data removed from Whois?
- Ideas:
  - Contact registrar
  - Mechanism for information to be revealed in a UDRP dispute
  - Request access if removal is no longer valid, or domain is used for bad purpose
  - Anyone that signs a contract agreeing not to use the information for bad purposes
- We need your input! What makes sense?

# Outstanding Issue: Tiered Access

- Idea: Allow different people access to different types/amounts of data
- Questions (help!):
  - Should it continue?
  - Should be formalized?
  - Who should get access?
  - How do we identify them?
  - What do the tiers look like?

**THE END**