Letter of Motivation

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Dear ICANN and associates,

I am writing to express interest in the opportunity of being an independent expert within the field of security and DNS. I would like to be considered for this opportunity and future opportunities because I have a strong passion to be a contributing member of society in the filed in which I work within. I have 12 years of overall experience in the field of information security and information technology that has given me a lot of exposure to the business and consumer demands of security, operations, and the services that come to rely on the Internet and its foundational services of DNS. My experiences cover supporting DNS technologies within internal corporate zones using Microsoft, Cisco, and Infoblox systems. I worked with third party service providers such as Akamai when I was Director of security for Best Buy, which included BestBuy.com and its subsidiary e-commerce and marketing web properties. I have supported many perimeter DNS and firewall systems to include Medtronic, where the Internet was being used to service patients and Doctors in life or death medical device support solutions. I have also supported military and defense industries across siper and nipernets while I was in the army national guard.

I mention the above examples of experience because I feel it demonstrates some of the attributes that motivates me in this opportunity. Specifically that of a technical and business understanding of the core infrastructures that many business, social, and military subscribers come to rely upon within the Internet. My primary motivation is to be able to positively apply my knowledge into a contribution such as this opportunity. I have been teaching as my primary method of achieving this up to this letter. I have been teaching for 4 years at local colleges, usually instructing within the Information Security aspects of the schools curriculums. I also sit on academic advisory boards, contributing towards providing new and relevant content. I also instruct very technical courses within the SANS.org communities to include the 504 hacking courses. These course are intended to educate the greater society in being able to affectively identify, respond, and learn the risks that may be present in the organizations they are supporting.

As a Director of Information security, I am familiar with developing company policies, reviewing proposed changes to policies and seeking corporate buy-in and executive sign-off on these above

mentioned items. These skills will contribute towards the ability to review ICANN proposals, and professionally interact with ICANN and associated peers and professionals if I am chosen. I have also participated in activities such as the Defense Industrial Base (DIB), while I was at BAE Systems.

Areas I could see contributing towards in regards to DNS could be very technical, in how DNS infrastructures are designed and supported, as well as more social. Examples of social may include reviewing policies on DNS and IP addresses are being collected and analyzed for either commercial or law enforcement purposes. I have used many of the tools like WHOIS and domain registration banks in my career to both educate and support forensics investigations and educate individuals on how to properly identify and mitigate risks from the Internet.

In summation, I thank you for this opportunity, and I am very excited for the ability to work with many other like-minded individuals and organizations that are providing what I think has become one of the most critical pieces of my everyday life, the Internet, and the services I consume from it.

Regards,

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