



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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To the Internet Society of China:

Thank you for your letter dated 10 May 2012 regarding the New gTLD Program's batching process. We appreciate your interest in the New gTLD Program and that you took the time to write to us.

As described in the Change Review Process – gTLD Applicant Guidebook, Section C (<http://www.icann.org/en/topics/new-gtlds/change-review-applicant-guidebook-19sep11-en.pdf>), changes to the Applicant Guidebook may be authorized by the ICANN Board of Directors. On 8 December 2011, the ICANN Board of Directors passed a resolution for "secondary timestamp" which can be viewed at: [http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-08dec11-en.htm - 1.2](http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-08dec11-en.htm-1.2).

ICANN has also asked for public input on batching on two separate occasions. The first being the solicitation for batching input issued on 29 July 2012 (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/announcements-and-media/announcement-29jul12-en>). The summary of comments for this comment period is posted at <<http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/report-comments-gtld-batching-05sep12-en.pdf>> and the comments may be viewed at <<http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/newgtld-input/>>.

The second public comment forum on batching is currently opened to solicit comment on the newly proposed prioritization drawing method to prioritize applications for evaluation and delegation. For more information about the proposed drawing method, see <<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/batching/drawing-prioritization-10oct12-en.pdf>>. We also encourage you to provide comments on this proposed method at <<http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/drawing-prioritization-10oct12-en.htm>>. Please note that this public comment forum closes on 9 November 2012.

Thank you for your communication and your interest in the New gTLD Program.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Willett
New gTLD Program General Manager