

## Response to Documentary Information Disclosure Policy Request

To: Mr. Eric Brunner-Williams

Date: 28 May 2010

Re: Request No. 20100429-1

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Thank you for your Request for Information dated 29 April 2010 (the "Request"), which was submitted through the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers' (ICANN) Documentary Information Disclosure Policy (DIDP). For reference, a copy of your Request is attached to the email forwarding this Response.

### **Items Requested**

"Correspondence, minutes, etc. between ICANN and CRAI, which set forth the scope of the CRAI economic research published on 10/24/08."

### **Response**

In response to your Request, attached please find a 19 August 2009 email from Kurt Pritz to David Maher providing the CRA Statement of Work and follow up questions from ICANN to Charles River Associates, International (CRAI) regarding the CRAI work culminating in the 24 October 2008 report on "Revisiting Vertical Separation of Registries and Registrars," available at <http://www.icann.org/en/topics/new-gtlds/crai-report-24oct08-en.pdf>,

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We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further inquiries, please forward them to [didp@icann.org](mailto:didp@icann.org).

**Subject: [DIDP] Request for documents pertaining to the tasking of CRAI with a Report on "single registrant" and "vertical integration" policies**

**Date:** Thursday, April 29, 2010 5:22 AM

**From:** Eric Brunner-Williams <ebw@abenaki.wabanaki.net>

**To:** "didp@icann.org" <didp@icann.org>

Good morning ICANN staff,

On October 24th, 2008 ICANN received a report, issued by CRA International, titled "Revisiting Vertical Separation of Registries and Registrars" [1].

CRAI was selected to conduct economic research pursuant to two resolutions of the ICANN Board of Directors:

- 1) the 18 October 2006 resolution of ICANN's Board of Directors seeking more information relating to the registry and registrar marketplace; and,
- 2) the 26 June 2008 resolution of ICANN's Board, directing the development and completion of a detailed implementation plan for the new gTLD Policy.

Neither of these Board resolutions suggest either "single registrant" nor vertical integration, yet that is the sum of the work product presented by the external consultant.

I request correspondence, minutes, etc., between ICANN and CRAI, which set forth the scope of the CRAI economic research published on 10/24/08.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Eric Brunner-Williams

[1] <http://www.icann.org/en/topics/new-gtld-crai-report-24oct08-en.pdf>