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To: Council GNSO

Subject: [council] Statement on WHOIS from a group of registrars

Hello All,

The statement below is a work in progress and is not yet an official registrars constituency statement, however the undersigned registrars have supported this statement. These registrars manage a substantial majority of WHOIS records for gTLDs.

Discussion on this topic is publicly archived on the registrars mailing list.

Regards,
Bruce Tonkin

We the undersigned registrars wish to confirm that we will continue to collect the data (commonly called WHOIS data) as required by the registrar accreditation agreement (all of which is currently displayed to the general public), and will continue to provide access to such data by law enforcement, intellectual property, ISPs, and others through appropriate processes. Registrars are open to improve those processes for more efficient access by legitimate users.

Registrars store this information for the lifetime of their agreement with ICANN plus an additional 3 years.

Registrars also note that other useful data such as the IP (Internet Protocol) address used by a registrant when registering a domain name and credit card information is also stored. This information is also available for law enforcement access through appropriate processes.

Registrars continue to support privacy protection for the Personal Data of natural persons.

List of supporters as of 9:30 AM Wednesday (6/28):

Network Solutions
SRSPlus
Namesecure
eNom
Namebay
Active 24
Dotster
AusRegistry
Melbourne IT
Schlund
CORE
Moniker.com
Nominalia

Tucows
GoDaddy
Directi
Domain The Net
NetNames
Stargate Holdings Corp
Encirca
Register.com
Name.com
Name Intelligence
CORE*
Nominalia*
Schlund*

NOTE: * registrars only endorsed the original version. Support for the current draft is assumed