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I am pleased to submit my credentials for the position of GNSO representative on the second ICANN ATRT Accountability & Transparency Review Team. Attached to this email letter are a current resume and the requested Declaration of Interests. An endorsement of my candidacy by the GNSO is forthcoming. I am aware of the time requirements and volunteer nature of this assignment and looking forward to participating.

ICANN has created a unique role for a multi-stakeholder organization in the evolution of the Domain Name System of the Internet. This role is based on the active support of members of multiple constituencies on an international basis. I believe that my continuous involvement in ICANN activities since its inception provides me the experience and perspective needed to assist the second ATRT review to successfully accomplish its important mandate.

The major strengths which I bring to the ATRT team include the following:

- executive experience in the design and creation of several non-profit Internet organizations, including the Internet Society, the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development (Internet2), and ICANN. My contributions included creation of mission statements and accompanying bylaws, recruitment of initial Board members and senior staff, design of financial and accounting systems, and leadership of the management teams.
- personal experience in meeting some of ICANN's many challenges as President and CEO from 1998 to 2001.
- volunteer experience in chairing ICANN Board panels on WHOIS and Security, as well as three terms on the Nominating Committee.
- membership of my consulting firm, The Darwin Group, Inc. in the Business Constituency of the GNSO for more than six years.
- extensive consulting experience in information technology studies through the Darwin Group and through my leadership role in conducting technology management studies at the flag level for U.S. Navy Department Fleet Commands.
- substantial line management experience in the Stanford University computing and networking organization.
- more than ten year's experience representing the networking interests of American research universities in Washington, including drafting and delivery of Congressional testimony on Internet policy, and support for the High Performance Computing Act of 1991, the first federal legislation to mandate and provide funding for Internet development.

I would be pleased to provide additional background information if desired.

Sincerely,

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