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RE: Proposed renewal of .ORG Registry Agreement

Dear Dr. Twomey:

Public Interest Registry (PIR) has delivered to John Jeffrey, Esq., General Counsel of Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the text of a proposed agreement between ICANN and PIR to renew PIR's responsibility for management of the registry of the .ORG top level domain through June 30, 2013.

PIR requests that the proposed agreement be posted for public comment at the earliest possible date. As we have discussed with ICANN staff, the Board of Directors of PIR has approved the execution of the agreement in substantially the form delivered to ICANN. We and ICANN fully understand that entering into the proposed agreement will be subject to the further approvals of the Board of Trustees of the Internet Society (ISOC) as well as by the Board of Directors of ICANN.

PIR greatly appreciates the opportunity to work with ICANN staff in negotiating the terms of this proposed agreement. The staff has acted at all times with a very high level of professionalism and has made the work of developing mutually agreeable terms go smoothly.

The existing agreement between PIR and ICANN currently has approximately two and one-half years before its scheduled expiration, and PIR has carefully considered the balance of benefits to both parties in negotiating a renewal agreement at this time. PIR believes that it is clearly advantageous, both to PIR and to ICANN, to complete these negotiations now. PIR will benefit from the assurance of a term of nearly seven years (assuming reasonably prompt approvals). More importantly, a number of complexities of the existing agreement that have proved to be a burden to staff of both PIR and ICANN have been removed.

The wording of the proposed agreement concerning renewals of the term is also a significant benefit to both parties. PIR will have reasonable assurance that it can continue to make investments in improved services and facilities, and ICANN will have the benefit of strengthened security and stability in the DNS that will flow from PIR's investment. PIR also appreciates the consideration given to our request regarding the start date of the new transaction fee, as reflected in the proposed agreement.

PIR remains committed to the support of ICANN as the private sector coordinator of the technical administration of the Internet. The successful negotiation of the proposed PIR renewal agreement reflects the strong belief that the .ORG registry and the entire DNS, will benefit from having this agreement in place as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to call on PIR if there is anything that we can do to be helpful in moving the process forward.

Warmest personal regards,

Public Interest Registry

By s/ Edward G. Viltz  
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