



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Assistant Secretary for Communications**  
**and Information**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Re: U.S. Government Administered Top Level Domains

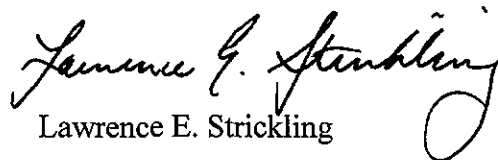
Dear Mr. Marby:

This letter is in regard to the work done by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) in performing the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions. One of those IANA functions includes receiving and processing top level domain (TLD) change requests. This letter recognizes the role performed by ICANN and seeks written confirmation that ICANN is required to notify the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) if it receives any re-delegation requests associated with the U.S. Government administered .mil, .gov, .edu, and .us TLDs. Further, the U.S. Government seeks confirmation that ICANN will not take any action to re-delegate these U.S. Government administered domains without first obtaining express written approval from NTIA. Fiona Alexander, Associate Administrator for NTIA's Office of International Affairs, is NTIA's point of contact on these matters, reachable at [falexander@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:falexander@ntia.doc.gov) or 202-482-1866.

The IANA functions stewardship transition proposal calls for the ability of stakeholders to initiate a Separation Cross-Community Working Group that could lead to a recommendation that ICANN separate the naming-related IANA function operations. If and when the IANA stewardship transition occurs, the U.S. Government requests confirmation that ICANN will notify NTIA in writing if such a working group is created. It is critical to the stable and secure operation of the U.S. Government Administered top level domains that any potential successor operator commit in writing that it will honor and maintain ICANN's commitments with respect to these U.S. Government-administered TLDs. Please acknowledge this request and confirm ICANN's commitment to the foregoing with a written response to this letter.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Lawrence E. Strickling

cc: Dr. Stephen Crocker, Chairman of the Board, ICANN  
Elise Gerich, VP, IANA and Technical Operations, ICANN