



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Members of the Community TLD Applicant Group (CTAG)

Dear Members of the CTAG:

Thank you for your letter dated 8 February 2013. We appreciate your feedback, and we have posted it to the New gTLD correspondence page at <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/correspondence/ctag-to-willett-jeffrey-08feb13-en.pdf>.

Commitments made by community-based TLDs are an important part of the New gTLD Program. Per the Applicant Guidebook, Section 1.2.3.2, "any applicant designating its application as community-based will, if the application is approved, be bound by the registry agreement to implement the community-based restrictions it has specified in the application."

On 5 February 2013, ICANN requested that applicants submit public interest commitments to be incorporated into their registry agreements. Community applicants are not required to submit Public Interest Commitments (PIC) Specifications to incorporate the community restrictions proposed in their applications. However, any community applicant that does not submit a PIC Specification by 5 March 2013 will still be expected to enter into a registry agreement incorporating the community registration restrictions proposed in the application. For more information about the PIC Specification, see <http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/base-agreement-05feb13-en.htm>.

The exact process for how a community-based applicant will contractually commit to the registration policies described in its application is still in the process of being finalized. Once the process is defined, we will communicate this information to all applicants. Please watch the New gTLD webinars at <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/announcements-and-media/webinars> and visit the Applicants' Corner on the New gTLD Program microsite at <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants> to access the most up-to-date information.

We appreciate your suggestions, and we will consider them carefully. Thank you for your support and your participation in ICANN's multi-stakeholder model.

Sincerely,

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