

## New gTLD Contracting Webinar – 13 June 2013 Additional Questions & Answers

We receive a host of questions during webinars that go unanswered due to time constraints. Because all participant questions are important, we've provided responses to these unanswered questions below.

### Contracting

**Q: What additional due diligence will be required if the contract signatory was not originally listed on the application? Will it involve a full background check?**

A: The level of due diligence is expected to be similar to the level applied during evaluation, and consistent with Module 2, Section 2.1 of the Applicant Guidebook.

**Q: During today's webinar, ICANN stated that changes to an application that occur during the contracting period would be published for public comment. Does this include changes to private portions of applications?**

A: All accepted change requests to public-facing application questions are subject to a 30-day public comment period. This will remain the same when change requests are received during the contracting period.

### Data Escrow

**Q: Must the Escrow Contract be between the Registry Operator and a Data Escrow provider? Or is it sufficient to show that the Backend Registry Services Provider is contracted with an ICANN-Approved Data Escrow Provider?**

A: The Escrow Contract needs to be between the Registry Operator and an ICANN-Approved Data Escrow Provider. An existing contract between a Backend Registry Services Provider and an ICANN-Approved Data Escrow will not suffice, and the Backend Registry Services operator may not sign on behalf of the Registry Operator.

## Registry Agreement

**Q: When will the 2013 Registry Agreement be finalized?**

A: The Registry Agreement was approved by the New gTLD Program Committee of the ICANN Board of Directors on 2 July 2013.

**Q: According to the “Earliest path to the First New gTLD” timeline presented in the 5 June 2013 Applicant Update Webinar, the estimated date for an approved Registry Agreement is 30 June 2013. Is this still accurate given the information presented in today’s Contracting webinar?**

A: The timeline provided in the 5 June 2013 webinar was intended to represent a best-case scenario for a single application to go through the process. It does not represent our on-going operational model.