

# GAC Advice Response Form for Applicants



The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) has issued advice to the ICANN Board of Directors regarding New gTLD applications. Please see Section IV of the [GAC Durban Communiqué](#) for the full list of advice on individual strings, categories of strings, and strings that may warrant further GAC consideration.

Respondents should use this form to ensure their responses are appropriately tracked and routed to the ICANN Board for their consideration. Complete this form and submit it as an attachment to the ICANN Customer Service Center via your [CSC Portal](#) with the Subject, “[Application ID] Response to GAC Advice” (for example “1-111-11111 Response to GAC Advice”). All GAC Advice Responses to the GAC Durban Communiqué must be received no later than 23:59:59 UTC on 23-August-2013.

## Respondent:

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| Applicant Name           | GTLD Limited |
| Application ID           | 1-1309-22501 |
| Applied for TLD (string) | INC          |

## Response:

Dear ICANN Board & GAC,

GTLD Ltd. thanks the GAC for furthering their advice to the ICANN Board and appreciates the opportunity to provide response and feedback.

GTLD Ltd. supports the GAC advice and safeguards especially as it applies to “.INC”. GTLD Ltd.’s proposal is the ONLY application for “.INC” that has included consideration for and has identified an extensive coverage of authorities and bodies relevant to the “.INC” designation and has committed to working closely with them in the operations of the “.INC” gTLD (included in our response to #18c and also included in our earlier response to the GAC Beijing Communiqué: <http://newgtlds.icann.org/sites/default/files/applicants/23may13/gac-advice-response-1-1309-22501-en.pdf>):

## United States:

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Alaska      | <a href="http://commerce.alaska.gov/CBP/Main/CBPLSearch.aspx?mode=Name">http://commerce.alaska.gov/CBP/Main/CBPLSearch.aspx?mode=Name</a>   |
| Alabama     | <a href="http://arc-sos.state.al.us/CGI/CORPNAME.MBR/INPUT">http://arc-sos.state.al.us/CGI/CORPNAME.MBR/INPUT</a>   |
| Arizona     | <a href="http://starpas.azcc.gov/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=wsbroker1/connect.p?app=names-report.p">http://starpas.azcc.gov/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=wsbroker1/connect.p?app=names-report.p</a> |
| Arkansas    | <a href="http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/corps/search_all.php">http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/corps/search_all.php</a>   |
| California  | <a href="http://kepler.sos.ca.gov/">http://kepler.sos.ca.gov/</a>   |
| Colorado    | <a href="http://www.sos.state.co.us/biz/BusinessEntityCriteriaExt.do">http://www.sos.state.co.us/biz/BusinessEntityCriteriaExt.do</a>   |
| Connecticut | <a href="http://www.concordsots.ct.gov/CONCORD/online?sn=PublicInquiry&amp;eid=9740">http://www.concordsots.ct.gov/CONCORD/online?sn=PublicInquiry&amp;eid=9740</a>                               |
| Delaware    | <a href="https://delecorp.delaware.gov/tin/GINameSearch.jsp">https://delecorp.delaware.gov/tin/GINameSearch.jsp</a>   |

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| District of Columbia | <a href="http://lsdbe.dslbd.dc.gov/public/certification/search.aspx?olbdNav= 31105 ">http://lsdbe.dslbd.dc.gov/public/certification/search.aspx?olbdNav= 31105 </a>   |
| Florida              | <a href="http://www.sunbiz.org/corinam.html">http://www.sunbiz.org/corinam.html</a>   |
| Georgia              | <a href="http://corp.sos.state.ga.us/corp/soskb/csearch.asp">http://corp.sos.state.ga.us/corp/soskb/csearch.asp</a>   |
| Hawaii               | <a href="http://hbe.ehawaii.gov/documents/search.html">http://hbe.ehawaii.gov/documents/search.html</a>   |
| Idaho                | <a href="http://www.accessidaho.org/public/sos/corp/search.html?ScriptForm.startstep=crit">http://www.accessidaho.org/public/sos/corp/search.html?ScriptForm.startstep=crit</a>   |
| Illinois             | <a href="http://www.ilsos.gov/corporatellc/">http://www.ilsos.gov/corporatellc/</a>   |
| Indiana              | <a href="https://secure.in.gov/sos/online_corps/name_search.aspx">https://secure.in.gov/sos/online_corps/name_search.aspx</a>   |
| Iowa                 | <a href="http://sos.iowa.gov/search/business/%28S%28xbjg3a55ft13jz2rbr2loo45%29%29/search.aspx">http://sos.iowa.gov/search/business/%28S%28xbjg3a55ft13jz2rbr2loo45%29%29/search.aspx</a>   |
| Kansas               | <a href="https://www.kansas.gov/bess/flow/main;jsessionid=3E9AF4256C68BADB49E4110F5C0C9FE9.aptcs03-inst2?execution=e1s2">https://www.kansas.gov/bess/flow/main;jsessionid=3E9AF4256C68BADB49E4110F5C0C9FE9.aptcs03-inst2?execution=e1s2</a> |
| Kentucky             | <a href="https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftsearch/">https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftsearch/</a>   |
| Louisiana            | <a href="http://www.sos.la.gov/tabid/819/Default.aspx">http://www.sos.la.gov/tabid/819/Default.aspx</a>   |
| Maine                | <a href="https://icrs.informe.org/nei-sos-icrs/ICRS?MainPage=x">https://icrs.informe.org/nei-sos-icrs/ICRS?MainPage=x</a>   |
| Maryland             | <a href="http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/UCC-Charter/CharterSearch_f.aspx">http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/UCC-Charter/CharterSearch_f.aspx</a>   |
| Massachusetts        | <a href="http://corp.sec.state.ma.us/corp/corpsearch/corpsearchinput.asp">http://corp.sec.state.ma.us/corp/corpsearch/corpsearchinput.asp</a>   |
| Michigan             | <a href="http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/bcs_corp/sr_corp.asp">http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/bcs_corp/sr_corp.asp</a>   |
| Minnesota            | <a href="http://mblsportal.sos.state.mn.us/">http://mblsportal.sos.state.mn.us/</a>   |
| Mississippi          | <a href="https://business.sos.state.ms.us/corp/soskb/csearch.asp">https://business.sos.state.ms.us/corp/soskb/csearch.asp</a>   |
| Missouri             | <a href="https://www.sos.mo.gov/BusinessEntity/soskb/csearch.asp">https://www.sos.mo.gov/BusinessEntity/soskb/csearch.asp</a>   |
| Montana              | <a href="https://app.mt.gov/bes/">https://app.mt.gov/bes/</a>   |
| Nebraska             | <a href="https://www.nebraska.gov/sos/corp/corpsearch.cgi">https://www.nebraska.gov/sos/corp/corpsearch.cgi</a>   |
| Nevada               | <a href="http://nvsos.gov/sosentitysearch/">http://nvsos.gov/sosentitysearch/</a>   |
| New Hampshire        | <a href="https://www.sos.nh.gov/corporate/soskb/csearch.asp">https://www.sos.nh.gov/corporate/soskb/csearch.asp</a>   |
| New Jersey           | <a href="https://www.njportal.com/DOR/businessrecords/EntityDocs/BusinessStatCopies.aspx">https://www.njportal.com/DOR/businessrecords/EntityDocs/BusinessStatCopies.aspx</a>   |
| New Mexico           | <a href="http://web.prc.newmexico.gov/Corplookup/%28S%28czslwico4qcojbgjbod3u4n%29%29/CorpSearch.aspx">http://web.prc.newmexico.gov/Corplookup/%28S%28czslwico4qcojbgjbod3u4n%29%29/CorpSearch.aspx</a>                                     |
| New York             | <a href="http://www.dos.ny.gov/corps/bus_entity_search.html">http://www.dos.ny.gov/corps/bus_entity_search.html</a>   |
| North Carolina       | <a href="http://www.secretary.state.nc.us/corporations/CSearch.aspx">http://www.secretary.state.nc.us/corporations/CSearch.aspx</a>   |
| North Dakota         | <a href="https://secure.apps.state.nd.us/sc/busnrch/busnSearch.htm">https://secure.apps.state.nd.us/sc/busnrch/busnSearch.htm</a>   |
| Ohio                 | <a href="http://www2.sos.state.oh.us/pls/bsqry/f?p=100:1:673032241987595::NO:1:P1_TYPE:NAME">http://www2.sos.state.oh.us/pls/bsqry/f?p=100:1:673032241987595::NO:1:P1_TYPE:NAME</a>   |
| Oklahoma             | <a href="https://www.sos.ok.gov/business/corp/records.aspx">https://www.sos.ok.gov/business/corp/records.aspx</a>   |
| Oregon               | <a href="http://egov.sos.state.or.us/br/pkg_web_name_srch_inq.login">http://egov.sos.state.or.us/br/pkg_web_name_srch_inq.login</a>   |
| Pennsylvania         | <a href="https://www.corporations.state.pa.us/corp/soskb/csearch.asp">https://www.corporations.state.pa.us/corp/soskb/csearch.asp</a>   |
| Puerto Rico          | <a href="https://prcorpiling.f1hst.com/CorporationSearch.aspx">https://prcorpiling.f1hst.com/CorporationSearch.aspx</a>   |
| South Carolina       | <a href="http://www.scsos.com/Search%20Business%20Filings">http://www.scsos.com/Search%20Business%20Filings</a>   |
| South Dakota         | <a href="http://sdsos.gov/business/search.aspx">http://sdsos.gov/business/search.aspx</a>   |
| Tennessee            | <a href="http://tnbear.tn.gov/ECommerce/FilingSearch.aspx">http://tnbear.tn.gov/ECommerce/FilingSearch.aspx</a>   |
| Texas                | <a href="https://direct.sos.state.tx.us/acct/acct-login.asp">https://direct.sos.state.tx.us/acct/acct-login.asp</a>   |
| Utah                 | <a href="https://secure.utah.gov/bes/action/index">https://secure.utah.gov/bes/action/index</a>   |
| Vermont              | <a href="http://corps.sec.state.vt.us/corpbrow.aspx">http://corps.sec.state.vt.us/corpbrow.aspx</a>   |
| Virginia             | <a href="https://cisiweb.scc.virginia.gov/z_container.aspx">https://cisiweb.scc.virginia.gov/z_container.aspx</a>   |
| Washington           | <a href="http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/search_advanced.aspx">http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/search_advanced.aspx</a>   |
| Wisconsin            | <a href="https://www.wdfi.org/apps/CorpSearch/Advanced.aspx">https://www.wdfi.org/apps/CorpSearch/Advanced.aspx</a>   |

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West Virginia  
Wyoming

<http://apps.sos.wv.gov/business/corporations/>  
<https://wyobiz.wy.gov/Business/FilingSearch.aspx>

## **Canada:**

<http://www.ic.gc.ca/app/ccc/srch/cccSrch.do?lang=eng&prtl=1&tagid=&profileId=>

## **Australia:**

<http://abr.business.gov.au/AdvancedSearch.aspx>

## **Philippines:**

<http://www.business.gov.ph/web/guest/registry-search>

GTLD Ltd. understands and acknowledges that the string “INC” is used as a short form of “incorporated” and a form of registered legal entity not only in the United States, but also Canada, Australia and the Philippines. GTLD Ltd.’s proposal is the ONLY application for “.INC” committed to take strong measures to curb abusive registrations that exploit this. These include, in addition to standard Rights Protection Mechanisms, comprehensive extra reservation and Sunrise processes, prolonged priority periods, special claims and notification procedures that aim to ensure a stable and orderly launch of the .inc TLD into the technical and social fabric of the Internet (further discussions are included in #18c and #29 of our original proposal).

GTLD Ltd. is the ONLY applicant for “.INC” that has identified the databases from relevant authorities around the world, and have committed to connecting with them to implement safeguard rights protection mechanisms to curb potential abuses exploiting the common use of the string “INC” as a corporate identifier.

GTLD Ltd. believes that the facts above must be taken into consideration in the Board’s decision regarding the GAC advice.

We look forward to continuing the dialogue with the ICANN board and the GAC to address issues and put policies in place to mitigate against concerns in a constructive and prompt manner.

Sincerely,

GTLD Limited