

## Response to Documentary Information Disclosure Policy Request

To: Kelsey Britton

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Re: Request No. 20140113-1

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Thank you for your Request for Information dated 13 January 2014 (the “Request”), which was submitted through the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers’ (ICANN) Documentary Information Disclosure Policy (DIDP). For reference, a copy of your Request is attached to the email forwarding this Response.

### Items Requested

Your Request seeks the disclosure of a report that includes the new domain names that were added during the report period of the Monthly Registry Reports available at <http://www.icann.org/en/resources/registries/reports>. Alternatively, in the event that the requested report is not available, you ask that ICANN advise you on the proper way to obtain the requested information.

### Response

The Monthly Registry Reports referenced in your Request is published by ICANN based upon monthly reports that ICANN, under its agreements with operators and sponsors of generic top-level domains (.aero, .biz, .com, .coop, .info, .museum, .name, .net, and .org), covering registration activity, registrar volumes, technical performance, and growth trends. ICANN receives registry reports under various confidentiality restrictions that must be reviewed before the reports can be posted. These restrictions expire in a phased manner which allows reports to be posted on a defined schedule after they are received. For example, the monthly reports contain information that ICANN must treat as confidential until three months after the month to which they relate. (See <http://www.icann.org/en/resources/registries/reports>; <http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-21feb03-en.htm>.)

Your request seeks information regarding new domain names that were added during the reporting period of the Monthly Registry Reports. The reports that ICANN receives from the registry operators do not contain information regarding what active domain names were added to each TLD during the report period. Therefore, no documents exist within ICANN that are responsive your Request.

Information regarding active domain names in a particular TLD can be obtained from the zone file of the registry operator for that particular TLD. (See <http://www.icann.org/en/resources/compliance/registries/zfa>; <https://czds.icann.org/en/help>; <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/czds>; <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/czds/faqs-21oct13-en.pdf>;

<http://durban47.icann.org/meetings/durban2013/presentation-czdap-18jul13-en.pdf>.)

Each zone file contains the active domain names in that particular TLD and is updated daily. (*See id.*) Access to zone files can be obtained by making a zone file access request to the registry operator and signing a zone file access agreement with the registry operator which will allow such user to access an Internet host server or servers designated by registry operator and download zone file data. (*See* <http://www.icann.org/en/resources/compliance/registries/zfa>.) Depending on when the TLD was delegated into the root, zone file access requests can be made either with the registry operator that operates that TLD, or through the ICANN Centralized Zone Data Service (CZDS) at <https://czdap.icann.org/en>. (*See id.*) Approved users can access zone data for at least three months and download the zone data once per 24-hour period. (*See id.*) For TLDs that were delegated into the root prior to the year 2013, zone file access requests can be made to each registry operator. For TLDs that were delegated during or after 2013, access to zone files can be obtained through CZDS. (*See id.*) The zone file access agreement for each TLD (including approved uses) is in Appendix 3 of Registry Agreement for a TLD delegated into the root zone prior to the year 2013; or Specification 4, section 2, for a TLD delegated during and after 2013. ICANN maintains a webpage with all current registry agreements at <http://www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries>. (*See id.*)

### **About DIDP**

ICANN's DIDP is limited to requests for information already in existence within ICANN that is not publicly available. In addition, the DIDP sets forth Defined Conditions of Nondisclosure. To review a copy of the DIDP, which is contained within the ICANN Accountability & Transparency: Framework and Principles please see <http://www.icann.org/en/about/transparency/didp>. ICANN makes every effort to be as responsive as possible to the entirety of your Request.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further inquiries, please forward them to [didp@icann.org](mailto:didp@icann.org).