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Mr. P. Twomey
President & CEO
ICANN Corporation
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.net TLD Operator Bid

Dear Mr. Twomey,

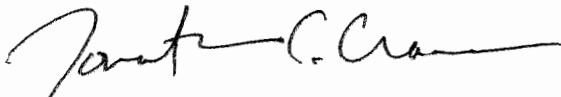
I understand that ICANN will be issuing a Request for Proposal for the operation of the .net TLD, currently operated by VeriSign. As an operator of DNS infrastructure and provider of DNS services to both internal users and external customers, successful operation of .net is critical to my business. MCI uses a number of .net domains and hosts to provide these services.

DNS is an important component in the Internet and an operator of the .net TLD must maintain the highest levels of performance, especially in the DNS resolution system. A geographically diverse network, 100% uptime and low packet loss rates (less than 1%) are critical to my business. If DNS performance levels drop for any reason, service to my users could be impacted.

VeriSign has operated .net to the highest levels and consistently delivered 100% uptime. They have demonstrated their operational expertise by ensuring performance while faced with a growing rate of DDoS attacks and viruses.

Please accept this communication as an endorsement of VeriSign's performance to date.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jean Foster, VeriSign, Inc [via facsimile to +1 703 948 4291]