



Dear Registry Operators and Registrars,

In the coming weeks ICANN org plans to announce a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify one or more ICANN-designated Registrar Data Escrow (RDE) agent(s) qualified to provide RDE services to accredited registrars.

The RDE program requires accredited registrars to regularly deposit generic top-level domain (gTLD) registration data with ICANN org via either an ICANN-designated RDE agent or, alternatively, an ICANN-approved RDE agent pursuant to the terms of its Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) and the [RDE specifications](#). This program is crucial to ICANN org's mission to maintain the security and integrity of the domain name system and it is imperative that RDE services continue to be reliable.

The last call for proposals of this nature was in 2017. The request for proposals will be open to new and existing data escrow agents. More information will be made available as the process moves forward.

Separately, ICANN org is accepting applications for "approved" [registry](#) and [registrar](#) data escrow providers. These providers differ from "designated" providers in that ICANN does not pay for the costs associated with using an "approved" provider.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Global Support at globalsupport@icann.org.

Sincerely,
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