



14 December 2007

Dr. Paul Twomey
President, ICANN

SUBJ: InfraGard National Members Alliance Comments on Issues for Single Letter
Domain

Dear Dr. Twomey,

Pursuant to our letter of 11 October 2007 (commenting on and supporting ICANN's strategic plan from a security perspective), the InfraGard National Members Alliance (INMA) would like to continue to engage ICANN in seeking a more secure Internet environment. We would like to take this opportunity to expand our participation in this process as offered to us by ICANN to comment on ICANN's creation of single letter domains.

To recap briefly, the INMA is the private sector side of the FBI's InfraGard program. The INMA represents the 20,000-plus InfraGard subject matter experts (SMEs) across the country who consist of a cross section of the owners and operators of the critical infrastructures of our nation. We understand the value of establishing cooperation between government and a wide range of private sector individuals and organizations to improve security outcomes. Our view is that ICANN has increasingly performed that role for key Internet functions.

Also as articulated earlier by the INMA, the INMA believes meeting crucial security challenges is not just ICANN's responsibility. All those government, private sector, and even individuals with a stake in the Internet as the vibrant, global and secure medium must come together.

We understand that pursuing a more vigorous security agenda will require resources and that the creation of single letter domains offers an opportunity to capture additional resources. We believe that ICANN can appropriately use these new resources to pursue security outcomes, particularly in building capacity in the top-level domain (TLD) and the registry/registrar communities.



The INMA is actively engaged in how the Internet evolves and we believe that security must be stressed. We appreciate ICANN's willingness to consider our input on issues that affect the Internet community as a whole.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R Schmidt".

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