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Dr. Paul Twomey
President, ICANN

SUBJ: InfraGard National Members Alliance Comments on Issues for ICANN Strategic Plan

Dear Dr. Twomey,

The Internet increasingly underpins the critical infrastructure of the United States and other advanced nations. Our economic well-being and increasingly our social dialogues are conducted through this medium. Increasingly, the Internet has also become a place where disgruntled individuals and organized crime take advantage of the global connections, anonymity and freedom of action to disrupt legitimate activity and even threaten its core functions.

The InfraGard National Members Alliance (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. The issues listed for ICANN 2008-2011 strategic planning process demonstrate the organization understands the growing security and stability challenges it faces. ICANN must help coordinate the dialogue on key issues such as Internet registrars' roles in reducing the level of malicious behavior such as spam, phishing and the growth of botnets. ICANN's strategic planning needs to address how it will respond within in its purview to these growing concerns.

Going further, 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 hope that ICANN's strategic plan can include developing approaches to help orchestrate efforts within the Internet community to developing more robust means for providing solutions to problems that inherently will require public-private cooperation. InfraGard strives to play



that role within the United States by providing a network for these local SMEs to interact with local, state and federal agencies as well as other SMEs across regions and the country. We support ICANN's efforts to have its planning both address security issues and include input from across its stakeholder base.

Sincerely,

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

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