

**INVITATION FOR INPUT CONCERNING  
ICANN'S MANAGEMENT OF THE INTERNET DOMAIN NAME AND  
ADDRESSING SYSTEM (DNS)**

- The United States supports continued private sector leadership in the innovation and investment that has characterized the development and expansions of the Internet around the globe.
- The United States remains committed to its four principles (released June 2005) to preserve the security and stability of the Internet, and in particular, the security and stability of the Internet's Domain Name and Addressing System (DNS).
- The United States continues to support the ongoing work of ICANN as the technical manager of the DNS and related technical operations and recognizes the progress it has made to date.
- Given the upcoming expiration of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Commerce and ICANN, the Department of Commerce is seeking input on the progress to date of the transition of the technical coordination and management of the Internet DNS to ICANN.
- Specifically, NTIA, through a Notice of Inquiry, is soliciting views on:
  - Evaluating ICANN's progress on completing the core tasks and milestones and whether these are sufficient for transition to private sector DNS management by the scheduled expiration of the current MOU (September 30, 2006);
  - Determining the relevancy of the existing MOU core tasks and milestones and/or whether new ones are necessary Assessing whether all key stakeholder groups are effectively represented and involved in ICANN and if not, how that could be accomplished; and,
  - Identifying new methods and/or processes that would encourage greater efficiency and responsiveness of ICANN to governments and ccTLD managers in relation to their root management requests.
- NTIA will also be holding a public meeting July 26, 2006 at the Department of Commerce to discuss issues associated with this transition.
- The views of all stakeholders on this important topic are critical. We hope that you will share your views.