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Project(s): 27729, International Standard Name Identifier (ISNI)

Status:

Additional information:

REQUESTED ACTION
Circulated to P- and O-members, and to technical committees and organizations in liaison for:

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☐ discussion at  
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☐ comments by  
[date]

☐ voting (P-members only by:  
[date]

P-members of the technical committee or subcommittee concerned have an obligation to vote.
1. **Drafting of the Standard**

On March 16th 2010 the ballot on the proposed DIS results were as follows:

- Positive votes: 25
- Negative votes: 0
- Abstentions: 2

A number of comments were received and will be examined by WG6 on May 11th 2010 during a meeting in Jeju, Korea.

The project is currently on schedule.

2. **Nomination of the Registration Authority**

In September 2009 a number of companies and Trade organization submitted to TC46/SC9 a formal proposal to create a consortium to operate the future ISO 27729 – ISNI Registration Agency. The proposal was summarized in a document called “ISNI-RA Prospective Business plan” outlining some general principles.

On October 8th 2010 the ballot on the proposed Registration Authority results were as follows:

- Positive votes: 18
- Negative votes: 2
- Abstentions: 2

The negative votes were justified by the lack of details provided in the above-mentioned business plan, which was admittedly at an early stage.

On February 22nd 2010, responses to the comments were prepared by WG6 along with a revised business plan with much greater details on the foreseen operation of the Registration Authority. On March 3rd 2010, the Responses to the comments along with the revised business plan were sent to SC9 Secretariat for circulation to the National Bodies.

No further comments were received by the proponents or by WG6 since then.

3. **Next Steps**

   a. **Incorporation of the prospective RA**

   Intensive work is being carried out by the prospective RA candidates to finalize all the legal, operational and financial issues pertaining to the future operations of the Registration Authority.

   SC9 has asked the candidates to effectively register the prospective RA as a legal entity, in order to enter into final negotiations with the ISO Central Secretariat to sign the RA agreement. The process of incorporation is under way.

   The prospective RA candidates are eager to come to an agreement with ISO to effectively sign the RA contract and start the ISNI operations, scheduled for Q1 2011. The prospective ISNI RA is receiving a significant number of spontaneous expressions of interest to implement the future ISNI Standard, thus confirming an effective market demand for such service. Such expectancies need to be contended.
In addition, the prospective RA candidates are engaging significant financial and human resources that require careful planning.

b. Operations

The prospective RA candidates have planned to create an initial ISNI database, derived from their own Party identification databases. This work will start in September 2010 and be made available to the community early 2011. It is anticipated that the initial database will contain approx. 3 million Public Identities with ISNIs.

The prospective RA candidates are also completing all the financial forecasts necessary to operate safely under the non-for-profit rule. Some marketing materials are also under preparation to raise the general awareness of this new ISO Standard.