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**COMMERCE DEPARTMENT PUBLISHES NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD
CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT OF KEY INTERNET FUNCTIONS TO
ICANN**

The Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration today published a notice of its intent to award a sole source contract to ICANN to perform key technical functions supporting the Internet Domain Name System.

The Department continues to believe that ICANN is uniquely qualified to perform these services that are critical to the stability and security of the Internet.

ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Name and Numbers) has been performing the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) services since 2000. They involve three technical coordinating functions for the Internet domain name and addressing system.

These functions include coordination of the assignment for technical protocol parameters, administration of certain responsibilities associated with Internet DNS root zone management; and allocation of Internet Protocol Version (IPv4) and Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) address space

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