



GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA

Management of the .AI Domain

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Procurement #: 2021/MEDICITNR/EOI .AI



The Government of Anguilla (GoA) through the Ministry of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology and Natural Resources intends to negotiate a new contract for the management of the .ai domain.

The Government of Anguilla (<http://www.gov.ai>) is responsible for the overall management and operations of Anguilla's country code top-level domain (ccTLD) .ai and its associated second level domains. At this time, the actual operations of the registry is outsourced.

The Government of Anguilla holds the delegation authority for the administrative authority of the .ai ccTLD. The Delegation Record is available at:
<https://www.iana.org/domains/root/db/ai.html>

.AI is fast becoming one of the more popular ccTLD in the world, and most of its 30,000 domains registered are English language websites. It is used by thousands of businesses, organisations and individuals every day.

It is the role of the Government of Anguilla to ensure the operational stability and utility of the .ai ccTLD, and more generally, to enhance the benefits of the Internet to the wider community of internet users. The role of the Government of Anguilla also includes ensuring a cost effective administration of the .ai ccTLD and its sub-domains, and to ensure that the people of Anguilla can benefit.

The GoA currently intends to use .ai ccTLD to generate revenue, assist residents in accessing government services, assist local businesses to thrive, promote tourism on the island and market Anguilla around the world.

The scope of products, technology and services required to enable the Government of Anguilla to build and operate a dedicated .ai registry may be varied and extend beyond those services provided to the Government of Anguilla to date. This may include appointing a third party (or parties), or enabling the Government of Anguilla itself, to provide certain registry services.

Without limiting the above, the Government of Anguilla intends for this upgrade to include:

- registry services for the direct registration of domain names in .ai at the top-level;
- registry services for second-level and third level domain name spaces including, com.ai, net.ai, org.ai, gov.ai, edu.ai, etc., and
- the following specific registry services: Registration services, the WHOIS service and the Authoritative DNS name services associated with the .ai ccTLD and its associated second level domains and domain name dispute resolution.

The Ministry of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology and Natural Resources now invites interested eligible consultants to submit Expressions of Interest for the management of the .ai domain. Consultants will be required to articulate their experience in managing and marketing domains to ensure full reliability and maximum earning potential.

In the assessment of submissions, considerations will be given to the composition of the team, qualifications, experience on similar assignments within the last 10 years and experience with related marketing within the last 10 years.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the address below between the hours 8:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday except on public holidays.

Five (5) hard-copies of the Expressions of Interest must be received at the address below no later than **4:00pm on Thursday 6 May, 2021**. The sealed envelope containing each submission must be submitted to the address below and shall be clearly marked “CONFIDENTIAL” and “Expression of Interest – Management of the .AI Domain”.

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Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of, not less than three and not more than six, applicants will be provided with a full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. The GoA reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.