GAC Early Warning – Submittal Architect-FR-7920

Application ID:
1-1342-7920

Entity/Applicant Name:
Spring Frostbite, LLC

String: .ARCHI, .ARCHITECT

Early Warning Issue Date:
20 November 2012

Early Warning Description:
The proposed gTLD relates to an activity which is subject to certain legislation because of their statutory duties and responsibilities. The French government thinks that the use of this new string should be restricted to persons complying with the legal requirement to carry out the professional activities of an "architect".

Reason/Rationale for the Warning:
The French government believes that services provided through websites using such gTLD should only be provided by architects.

The user having access to services through such websites will reasonably think that the service is provided by a person which regularly carried out its professional activities under the professional title of "architect". The user should not be misled by the domain name using this string. On the contrary, the user should be assured that the service made available is complying with duties and responsibilities of architects.

This warning urges the applicant to limit the access of the new registration of domain names using this string only to architects: the services available within websites using this extension shall exclusively be provided by a person which regularly carried out its professional activities under the professional title of an "architect".

Supporting Countries (Optional):
Possible Remediation:
Some examples.....

The French government requires that the registrars working with the registry operator of this new gTLD inform the person willing to register a domain name with such an extension on the duties and responsibilities of an architect.

The French government calls for a provision on legal obligations under the activity of an architect in the registration agreement.

More support from “X” country necessary

Strongly recommend withdrawal

Further Notes from GAC (Optional):

Instructions for Applicant

ICANN strongly encourages that the applicant work with relevant parties as soon as possible to address the concern voiced in the GAC Early Warning.

Upon receipt of this GAC Early Warning, the applicant has 21 calendar days to inform the GAC and ICANN, through the TLD Application System (TAS), of its decision to either withdraw or continue with the application. If the applicant does not notify the GAC and ICANN within 21 days of receiving the GAC Early Warning of its decision. The application will not move forward with the evaluation process.
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Asking questions about your GAC EW

If you have questions or need clarification about your GAC Early Warning, please contact (TBD). As highlighted above, ICANN strongly encourages applicants to contact (TBD) as soon as practical to ensure you are able to move to the next steps within the 21-day allotted time period.

Continuing with your application

If the applicant chooses to continue then they must complete the “Applicant’s Response” section below notifying the GAC of intended actions, including the expected completion date, and remit their response to [need to define where this will be sent] within 21 days. Separately, the applicant must indicate in TAS its intention to continue with their application.

To complete these tasks the applicant must perform the following steps:

1. Log into TAS
2. Open the GAC Early Warning task
3. Click on the “Continue” button
4. Separately, submit the GAC EW with the completed “Applicant Response” section to {TBD}

Withdrawing your application

Applicants choosing to withdraw must notify ICANN and the GAC within the 21-day window to be eligible for a refund of 80% of the evaluation fee (USD 148,000).

To receive the 80% refund, within 21-days the applicant must perform the following steps:

1. Log into TAS
2. Open the GAC Early Warning task
3. Click on the “Withdraw” button

For questions please contact: gacearlywarning@gac.icann.org

Applicant Response:
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