



ICANN Business Constituency (BC) Comment

on

[Draft PTI FY25 Operating Plan and Budget](#)

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Introduction:

This document is the response of the ICANN Business Constituency (BC), from the perspective of business users and registrants, as defined in our Charter. The mission of the BC is to ensure that ICANN policy positions are consistent with the development of an internet that:

- Promotes end-user confidence, because it is a safe place to conduct business;
- Is competitive in the supply of registry- and registrar-related services; and
- Is technically stable, secure and reliable.

BC Comment on DRAFT PTI FY25 Operating Plan and Budgets:

The Business Constituency (BC) is pleased to provide this comment on the Draft FY25 PTI Operating Plan and Budgets. We note that the Public Technical Identifier (PTI) performs the core Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions while the IANA Budget encompasses the IANA functions performed by ICANN Org which are not performed by PTI.

The BC notes PTI’s expectation in Fiscal Year (FY) 25 to deliver a comprehensive set of systems and tools to support protocol parameter assignment workflows following a multi-year development effort. This is a welcome development and it is BC’s expectation that PTI will continue to focus on service improvement as a culture.

The BC notes that a PTI bylaws amendment has effectively allowed for the PTI Strategic Planning cycle to move from a four-year to a five-year cycle, and as such the PTI’s FY21-24 Strategic Plan will now remain in force through the end of fiscal year 2025. We believe that this further consolidates and ensures that the PTI’s performance of IANA functions remain aligned with the ICANN 5 Year Operating Plan.

While it was noted that the PTI Budget of \$10.9m is an increase of 3.8% over the preceding year budget (\$10.5m) due to inflation with respect to personnel compensation, the BC for transparency purposes requests that the comparative inflationary rate in view should be indicated.

PTI Total Expenses

FY25 Grand Total Including Support Functions Shared with ICANN							
	FTE (a)	Personnel	T&M (b)	Prof Svcs	Admin	Capital	Total
Direct Dedicated	19.0	\$4.0	\$0.3	\$1.4	\$0.1	\$0.2	\$5.9
Direct Shared	4.7	\$1.3	\$0.1	\$0.3	\$0.6	\$0	\$2.3
Shared Services	0.0	\$2.0	\$0.1	\$0.4	\$0.3	\$0	\$2.8
Total	23.7	\$7.2	\$0.5	\$2.1	\$1.0	\$0.2	\$10.9
(a) FTE: Full-Time Equivalent (b) T&M: Travel and Meetings							

Comparing the table above with the one below, the BC requests clarification of the expenses for Professional Services, which differ. We surmise that the table folds Contingency into these category.

However, we still note a \$0.1m difference.

PTI Budget Variance

The Draft FY25 PTI Budget is \$10.9 million, which is \$0.4 million higher than the FY24 budget.

FY25 PTI Budget in Millions, USD	FY25 Budget	FY24 Budget	Under/(Over)		FY23 Actuals	Under/(Over)	
			Total	%		Total	%
FUNDING	\$10.9	\$10.5	(\$0.4)	-3.8%	\$9.0	(\$1.9)	-21.2%
Personnel	\$7.2	\$6.7	(\$0.5)	-7.4%	\$6.3	(\$0.9)	-14.2%

FY25 PTI Budget in Millions, USD	FY25 Budget	FY24 Budget	Under/(Over)		FY23 Actuals	Under/(Over)	
			Total	%		Total	%
Travel and Meetings	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.0	2.1%	\$0.5	\$0.0	5.9%
Professional Services	\$1.5	\$1.8	\$0.3	16.6%	\$1.0	(\$0.5)	-50.0%
Administration	\$1.0	\$0.9	(\$0.1)	-10.9%	\$0.9	(\$0.1)	-16.3%
Contingency (a)	\$0.5	\$0.5	(\$0.1)	-16.0%	\$0.0	(\$0.5)	0.0%
Capital	\$0.2	\$0.1	(\$0.1)	-60.0%	\$0.3	\$0.1	45.9%
TOTAL CASH EXPENSES	\$10.9	\$10.5	(\$0.4)	-3.8%	\$9.0	(\$1.9)	-21.2%
EXCESS/(DEFICIT)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	0.0%	\$0.0	\$0.0	0.0%
Average Headcount (FTE) (b)	23.7	22.6	(1.1)	-4.8%	20.7	(3.1)	-14.8%
(a) Contingency is an amount included in the budget but not allocated to specific activities; it can be used for unforeseen costs or to cover the difference between budgeted and actual costs. (b) FTE: Full-Time Equivalent							

The BC notes that the FY25 OP&B is \$10.9M, up from \$10.5M for FY23. The most significant increase is in Personnel, with some marginal increases in Administration and Capital. Combined, these represent a \$0.7M increase, though are offset by a substantial decrease of \$0.3M in Professional Services resulting in a year-over-year budget increase of \$0.4M.

Conclusion:

Aside from the above clarifications requested, the BC supports the draft PTI Operating Plan and Budget.

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It was approved in accord with our charter.