

Subject: [didp] DIDP Request: Documents Related to the Univ. of Puerto Rico's Management of ccTLDs
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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to request that ICANN disclose as fully as possible the following two sets of documents, in accordance with its Documentary Information Disclosure Policy (DIDP):

- (1) Any and all correspondence or documentation related to the initial delegation of .pr, the country-code top level domain (ccTLD) for Puerto Rico.
- (2) Any and all correspondence or documentation related to any and all redelegations—including successful and unsuccessful requests for redelegation—of the following ccTLDs: .ag, .bb, .bz, .bs, .dm, .do, .gd, .gy, .jm, .kn, .lc, .sr, .tt, and .vc, submitted during the time that these ccTLDs were managed by the University of Puerto Rico.

The publication of these documents would serve the public interest because they pertain to an ongoing legal dispute that is designed to identify the organization that would be most appropriate to manage the .pr ccTLD. The parties to this dispute are the Gauss Research Laboratory, Inc., the current managing organization of Puerto Rico's top level domain, and the University of Puerto Rico. I am, in my personal capacity, assisting in the preparation of an expert report for use in this litigation.

Publishing the requested documents will contribute to the accurate and fair resolution of this controversy. In particular, the content of the requests for redelegation of the aforementioned Caribbean ccTLDs would inform the public of the University of Puerto Rico's degree of competency in managing ccTLDs. Having a responsible agent in charge of .pr plainly benefits both Puerto Rico and the internet as a whole; therefore, the accurate and fair resolution of this controversy would be beneficial not only to the parties to the dispute, but also to the internet as a medium of national and global communication.

I look forward to your response and remain available to clarify any aspects of this request.

Sincerely,
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