



Dear Registry Operator,

We are writing to inform you of updates made to the [Material Subcontracting Arrangement \(MSA\)](#) change process, the process used when a registry operator intends to change its registry service provider (RSP).

We have updated the Material Subcontracting Arrangement (MSA) change process for registry operators that choose a registry service provider (RSP) that has successfully completed the 2026 Round RSP evaluation. These RSPs will not need to repeat the technical panel evaluation or "Unknown RSP" simulation exercise as part of an MSA change, even if they do not yet support an existing gTLD. This approach recognizes evaluation steps already completed through the 2026 Round RSP Evaluation Program and avoids repeating those same steps in the MSA change process.

Previously, in the MSA change process, an RSP that did not support one or more gTLDs was required to complete additional evaluations, including a technical panel evaluation and an "Unknown RSP" simulation exercise.

Please note that when a registry operator submits an MSA Change request to transition a gTLD to a Main RSP that was successfully evaluated through the 2026 Round *only*, the registry operator must also identify the RSP(s) that will provide DNS and DNSSEC services. The Main RSP may provide these services if it was also successfully evaluated to provide them through the 2026 Round.

For more information about the RSP Evaluation Program and MSA change process, please see the below resources:

- [Material Subcontracting Arrangement \(MSA\) webpage](#)
- [Different types of RSPs](#)
- [RSP FAQ about 2026 Round RSPs providing registry services for existing gTLDs](#)
- [List of evaluated 2026 Round RSPs](#) and the related [announcement](#).

Best regards,

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