



31 August 2026

Anthony E. Sauerhoff
Texas State Chief Information Office
Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)

RE: .TEXAS and the New gTLD Program: 2026 Round

Dear Mr. Sauerhoff,

Thank you for your letter regarding the .texas string in the New Generic Top-Level Domains Program: 2026 Round, outlining the State of Texas's official position.

The application submission period closed at 23:59 UTC on 12 August 2026. ICANN expects to publish the list of all applications that have passed the Administrative Check on Reveal Day, no later than nine weeks after this date.

As it relates to any applications for .texas, [Section 7.5](#) of the 2026 Round Applicant Guidebook (AGB), as you note, provides specific requirements for Geographic Name applications, including documentation of support or non-objection from the relevant government or public authority in order to pass the Geographic Names Review.

In addition, as described in [Module 5](#) of the AGB, following Reveal Day and the applicable replacement string process, final applied-for strings will be published on String Confirmation Day. At that point, [Module 4](#) of the AGB provides a mechanism for members of the public to submit relevant information and raise issues concerning specific applications for the attention of ICANN, applicants, and evaluators. Module 4 also provides information on processes related to Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Consensus Advice and GAC Member Early Warnings, as well as objections.

Thank you again for bringing the State's position to our attention. If you have any additional questions, do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Marika Konings", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marika Konings
VP, New gTLD Program Lead