

Trusted Domain Project Initiative Policy

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Trusted Domain Project (hereinafter “TDP”) is a public interest non-profit California corporation dedicated to the development and advancement of open standards and open software furthering the goal of building public trust based upon the use of domain names on the Internet.

Each sub-project of TDP is called an Initiative. An Initiative is a self-contained activity of the TDP that produces and/or maintains an open standard, open source software package, educational materials, experimental results, or similar output in accordance with TDP’s Articles of Incorporation. The list of current and past projects is maintained by the corporate Secretary.

II. CREATION

A new Initiative is created by action of the Board of Directors, approved at a Board meeting. Interim approval may be granted at the discretion of the President, but requires Board approval at its next meeting to become permanent. Failure for such approval to be granted at a Board meeting shall result in immediate termination of the Initiative.

Creation of an Initiative shall not be approved until a project Charter has been submitted, which shall contain all of the following items:

1. The proposed name of the Initiative;
2. The name and email address of the Manager of the proposed Initiative;
3. The name of a member of the TDP Board who is sponsoring the Initiative (the Director);
4. The names of any Sponsors (individual or corporate) that wish to pledge directed support to the Initiative;
5. A complete description of the proposed work and output of the Initiative, including the following:
 - a. A clear statement of the problem the Initiative intends to address;
 - b. An indication of the risks and urgency of the work, in order to gauge the amount of effort required;
 - c. Relation, if any, to existing Initiatives of TDP, or to working groups in other organizations;
 - d. An itemization of the intended goals and outputs of the Initiative, and a brief description of how each will be approached;
 - e. A list of initial milestones for the Initiative, with target dates;
 - f. Whether the Initiative is intended to have finite or ongoing duration;

- g. Whether the Initiative is private in nature or open to any participant.
6. The name(s) and email address(es) of the Initiative's initial or current participants and their respective roles;
7. A complete description of the resources required by the Initiative, including computing, financial, legal, or other resources;
8. A summary of how success of the Initiative will be periodically measured.

The Board shall work with the party proposing the creation of the Initiative to ensure the Charter fits within the resource and legal constraints of TDP before approving the Charter.

A Manager of an existing Initiative may submit an amended Charter to the sponsoring Director for consideration at any time, who shall relay it to the Board for approval.

III. MANAGER

Each Initiative shall have a Manager. The Manager shall be responsible for ongoing oversight and direction of the activities within the Initiative, and may also be involved in its execution. The Manager shall report to the sponsoring Director at least annually, or on demand, about the current activities of the Initiative, or to request any changes in the Plan as described above. The sponsoring Director shall be responsible for relaying such updates to the Board at its meetings in due course.

Neither the Manager nor any project participant is authorized to take any binding action or make any statements on behalf of TDP except as expressly authorized by the President or the Board.

The Board may remove a Manager at its sole discretion. Such action may also be taken by the sponsoring Director at his or her discretion, which action must then be ratified by the Board at its next meeting.

In the event of the resignation of a Manager, the sponsoring Director shall temporarily act as interim Manager until a suitable replacement can be nominated and approved by the Board via an amended Charter.

IV. TERMINATION

An Initiative shall be considered terminated upon action by the Board, which may be taken at the request of the Manager, the sponsoring Director, or for other reasons. Upon such termination, no further TDP resources shall be available for the purposes of furthering any of the goals of the Initiative. Any external continuation of the work shall not claim ongoing affiliation with TDP, but shall continue to indicate any copyrights on the work held by TDP.

The sponsoring Director may enact a suspension of an Initiative pending its formal termination by the Board at a future Board meeting.

V. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All Initiative activities fall under the TDP Intellectual Property policy, which is crafted in accordance with TDP's Articles of Incorporation. Managers shall ensure that all project participants are aware of, and agree to, this policy, prior to any of them engaging in the work of the Initiative.