

Announce RFI Editor 2009

In 2009 the IETF Administrative Oversight Committee (IAOC) plans to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the performance of the RFC Editor functions beginning in 2010. The incumbent has advised that they do not intend to respond to the RFP.

The purpose of the RFI is to identify potential contractors to provide the RFC Editor services and to obtain feedback from contractors and the broader Internet community on the implementation of the new RFC services model.

The RFC Editor provides editing, publishing and archiving services for the RFC series on behalf of the IETF and the broader Internet community.

The Internet Architecture Board (IAB) has described the RFC Editor services, which includes four functions. Following this structure could result in four vendors providing services that are currently provided by one vendor, or fewer than four vendors depending on input received from the RFI as to how the functions might be combined for the efficient delivery of professional, quality services.

The overall RFC Editor function is described in RFC 4844 and the model for the RFC Editor structure is described in the IAB model at: <http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-iab-rfc-editor-04> . The model is intended to increase flexibility and operational support options, provide for the orderly succession of the RFC Editor, and ensure the continuity of the RFC series, while maintaining RFC quality, maintaining timely processing, ensuring document accessibility, reducing costs, and increasing cost transparency.

The four RFC Editor functions in brief:

1. The RFC Series Editor (RSE) is responsible for overseeing the consistency and quality of the RFC Series;
2. The Independent Submissions Editor (ISE) is responsible for managing the independent submissions stream to the RFC series;
3. The RFC Production Center is responsible for the editing of documents consistent with the RFC Style Manual; and
4. The RFC Publisher is responsible for publishing and maintaining an archive of the RFC Series and its associated Errata.

The RFI can be found at: <http://iaoc.ietf.org/rfprfifis.html>

Responses are due no later than 6 March 2009. See RFI for details.

Questions about this RFI can be addressed to: rfc-editor-rfi2009@isoc.org

All questions and answers will be posted on the website at <http://iaoc.ietf.org/rfprfifis.html>.

All information submitted in response to this announcement is voluntary and may be used in the development of the RFP(s).

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