IETF Trust Report

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 - http://iaoc.ietf.org/docs/IETF-Trust-Agreement-Executed-12-15-05.pdf
 - Also see BCP 78 / RFC 5378.
- It exists to hold intellectual and other property of the IETF "for the advancement of the science and technology associated with the Internet and related technology."
- It has a legal existence as a Trust in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- There are 9 Trustees, the members of the IAOC.
- The Trustees have a fiduciary duty to protect the IETF's property!



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- The IETF Trust is currently operating under Trust Legal Provisions (TLP) 4.0.
 - Effective Date: December 15, 2009
- These can be found at

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