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IETF Trust Purpose

Enable use of IP Assets while protecting ownership

Hold & Manage IP Assets for IETF (and ICANN)
+ 2016 NTIA-IANA Transition added IANA to the Trust’s care

Domain ownership
  IETF.ORG, IESG.ORG, IRTF.ORG, IAB.ORG, IANA.ORG,…

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  IETF Tools, IETF YANG Catalog, RFC Publishing tools

Legal Provisions Relating to IETF Documents

Effective Date: March 25, 2015

1. Background

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Recent Activities

- IETF Trust Website design update – published late 2020
  - https://trustee.ietf.org
  - Easier engagement
  - Refreshed materials
  - Simplified license request submission

- IANA Parameters Registry usage rights clarification
  - Consultation with IETF community (2020)
  - Working with ICANN & IANA on implementation
Current & Ongoing Activities

- License requests for Trust held assets
- Ongoing watch/evaluation of new situations
  - GitHub repositories
  - Requests for usage beyond traditional RFC content
- Maintaining Registered Trademarks
- Reviewing records of early RFC author assignments
- Reviewing & Updating list of assets held by the IETF Trust
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