RFC 3978 Update to Recognize the IETF Trust

Status of This Memo

This document specifies an Internet Best Current Practices for the Internet Community, and requests discussion and suggestions for improvements. Distribution of this memo is unlimited.

Copyright Notice

Copyright (C) The IETF Trust (2006).

Abstract

This document updates RFC 3978 "IETF Rights in Contributions" to recognize that the IETF Trust is now the proper custodian of all IETF-related intellectual property rights.

This document does not constrain how the IETF Trust exercises those rights.

1. Introduction

1.1. IETF Trust

Currently the IETF requires that authors of Contributions to the IETF grant to the IETF (meaning the full set of participants in the IETF Standards Process) a limited set of non-exclusive rights and permissions as part of the process of submitting such Contribution. These rights and permissions are detailed in "IETF Rights in Contributions" (RFC 3978 - BCP 78) [RFC3978].

The IETF Trust was recently formed to act as the administrative custodian of all copyrights and other intellectual property rights relating to the IETF Standards Process that had previously been held by ISOC and the Corporation for National Research Initiatives (CNRI) (see [IETF_Trust_Agmt]).

The IETF is supported by an IETF Administrative Support Activity (IASA) defined in BCP 101 [BCP101]. BCP 101 was updated by [RFC4371] to recognize the creation of the IETF Trust.
This document updates RFC 3978 in order to recognize the IETF Trust and to implement the structure needed to support it. Most importantly, it alters the license-grant path as follows: whereas previously, authors of Contributions to the IETF would grant a license to ISOC, such authors will grant a license to the IETF Trust (in Section 3.3). This document concerns itself only with changes to RFC 3978 needed to recognize the creation of the IETF Trust.

This introductory section is to provide context for the reader. Section 2 of this document is intended to be normative.

2. Updates to RFC 3978

The text of RFC 3978 is hereby updated as set forth below to reflect the creation of the IETF Trust.

2.1. Update Introduction

In the third paragraph of Section 2, replace "IETF and Internet Society (ISOC)" with "IETF Trust and the IETF" and replace "IETF and ISOC" with "IETF Trust and the IETF".

2.2. Update Section 3.3

In Section 3.3, replace two instances of "ISOC and the IETF" and one instance of "IETF and ISOC" with "IETF Trust and the IETF".

2.3. Update Section 3.4

In Section 3.4(b), add "IETF Trust," after "IETF,"

2.4. Update Section 4.2

In Section 4.2, replace two instances of "ISOC and the IETF" and one instance of "IETF and ISOC" with "IETF Trust and the IETF".

2.5. Update Section 5

In Section 5 change two instances of "ISOC" to "IETF Trust".

2.6. Update Copyright Statement

Replace "Internet Society" with "IETF Trust" in the copyright statement in Section 5.4.

2.7. Update Section 5.5

In Section 5.5 insert ", THE IETF TRUST" after "INTERNET SOCIETY".
2.8. Update Section 5.6

In Section 5.6, replace all occurrences of "Internet Society" or "ISOC" with "IETF Trust".

2.9. Update Section 7.1

In Section 7.1, replace two instances of "IETF/ISOC" with "IETF Trust and IETF".

2.10. Update Section 8

In Section 8, insert ", the IETF Trust" after "ISOC".

3. Security Considerations

This type of process document does not have a direct impact on the security of the Internet or Internet protocols.

4. References

4.1. Normative References


Editor’s Address

Scott Bradner
Harvard University
29 Oxford St.
Cambridge MA, 02138

Phone: +1 617 495 3864
EMail: sob@harvard.edu
Full Copyright Statement

Copyright (C) The IETF Trust (2006).

This document is subject to the rights, licenses and restrictions contained in BCP 78, and except as set forth therein, the authors retain all their rights.

This document and the information contained herein are provided on an "AS IS" basis and THE CONTRIBUTOR, THE ORGANIZATION HE/SHE REPRESENTS OR IS SPONSORED BY (IF ANY), THE INTERNET SOCIETY, THE IETF TRUST, AND THE INTERNET ENGINEERING TASK FORCE DISCLAIM ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTY THAT THE USE OF THE INFORMATION HEREIN WILL NOT INFRINGE ANY RIGHTS OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

Intellectual Property

The IETF takes no position regarding the validity or scope of any Intellectual Property Rights or other rights that might be claimed to pertain to the implementation or use of the technology described in this document or the extent to which any license under such rights might or might not be available; nor does it represent that it has made any independent effort to identify any such rights. Information on the procedures with respect to rights in RFC documents can be found in BCP 78 and BCP 79.

Copies of IPR disclosures made to the IETF Secretariat and any assurances of licenses to be made available, or the result of an attempt made to obtain a general license or permission for the use of such proprietary rights by implementers or users of this specification can be obtained from the IETF on-line IPR repository at http://www.ietf.org/ipr.

The IETF invites any interested party to bring to its attention any copyrights, patents or patent applications, or other proprietary rights that may cover technology that may be required to implement this standard. Please address the information to the IETF at ietf-ipr@ietf.org.

Acknowledgement

Funding for the RFC Editor function is provided by the IETF Administrative Support Activity (IASA).