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Letter of Support for the .mcp gTLD

Endorsement from the Agentic AI Foundation and The Linux Foundation

30 July 2026

To the ICANN Community Priority Evaluation (CPE) Panel,

I am the Chair of the Governing Board of the Agentic AI Foundation ("AAIF"), a directed fund of The Linux Foundation ("LF"), whose CEO and Executive Director, James Zemlin, has also co-signed this letter to voice the LF's support. AAIF hosts multiple open source software and open standards projects related to agentic AI technology. It was established to oversee the development of open agentic AI standards and software. One such open standards project, Model Context Protocol ("MCP"), was contributed as a founding project of the AAIF.

We submit this letter of support for the community-based Top-Level Domain ("TLD") application for ".mcp" submitted by Charleston Road Registry Inc., dba Google Registry ("CRR"). As the neutral, independent host bringing together the organizations and engineers behind the ongoing development of MCP, organizer of MCP events and other MCP community meetings, and supporter of the MCP ecosystem, we affirm that this application is in the interest of the community it will be serving.

The MCP community itself consists of the developers, contributors, and operators who continue the development of the open standard originally established by Anthropic and subsequently transitioned to AAIF to ensure MCP followed a neutral, community-led evolution.

As part of our support for this application, the AAIF and LF formally endorse the proposed .mcp Registration Policy that is structured to ensure that the TLD remains a trusted community namespace. We specifically emphasize our support for the eligibility criteria, which restrict domain registrations to verified members of the community, and commit to assisting CRR in operationalizing eligibility vetting:

- **Project Contributors:** Individuals with a documented history of contributions to the official MCP open-source project.
- **MCP Server Operators:** Entities operating active, compliant MCP servers.

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- **MCP Registry Listing:** Authorized representatives of servers listed in the official Model Context Protocol registry.
- **AAIF Members:** Members in good standing of the Agentic AI Foundation who adhere to its community standards.

As noted in CRR's application, the ".mcp" string has a powerful and direct nexus with the Model Context Protocol community. "MCP" is the globally recognized abbreviation for the Model Context Protocol. The string is synonymous with the protocol's mission of enabling secure, standardized interoperability between large language models and external data sources. This association ensures that the general public and technical users will instinctively identify the TLD with the identified community.

CRR's role as the registry operator provides the necessary technical infrastructure, security, and corporate and financial stability to maintain the namespace.

Sincerely,

Signed by:


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