RFC Series Editor Updates

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RFC Format Project Update – Primary Goals

• Project goals:
  – XML as the unchanging, underlying format
  – TXT, PDF/A-3, HTML as the outputs
  – SVG line art (black and white) allowed
  – Non-ASCII characters allowed

http://www.rfc-editor.org/rse/format-faq
RFC Format Project Update

- Several moving parts must align; RPC is still targeting end of August to be ready to publish v3 docs
  - Tools and end-to-end process may not be ready
- Expect several months of debugging and increased workload during the implementation phase
- Key links:
SLA Update

• LLC Board has approved (temporary) two additional editors – search in progress
• C238 remaining two docs scheduled for the IESG telechat 8 August 2019
• Format implementation expected Q3 2019
• Exception to the SLA to be requested for Q3 and Q4 2019
RFC Production Center (RPC) Satisfaction Survey

- Experiment started 1 February 2019; survey revised 1 June 2019
- Purpose: vendor evaluation
- v1 survey (yes/no survey)
  - “Did the editing service provided by the RFC Editor improve the quality your document?” - 98.18% positive response
- v2 survey (1-5 scale)
  - 36.36% “significantly better” (5)
  - 63.64% “better” (4)
- Response rate approx. 17% of authors, doc shepherds polled
RPC Satisfaction Survey – Narrative Trends

• **Improve AUTH48**
  – Collaborative editing tools
  – More transparency about the process

• **More chocolate**
In-line Errata

• Code has been written by Soaring Hawk Consulting (Jim Schaad) to create files with errata corrections in-line (verified only)

• Will be deployed on the RFC Editor website
Call for Comments

“Fifty Years of RFCs”
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The Call for Comment will last until 2019-08-07. Please send comments to architecture-discuss@ietf.org and iab@iab.org.
RSE Contract

• RSE decided not to renew at the end of 2019
• Accomplishments over the last 8 years:
  – New RFC Editor website; RFC Format Requirements (RFC 6949) (2013)
  – DOIs assigned; RPC/Publisher RFP and contract awarded (2015)
  – New RFC Format rolling out (2019)

Many thanks to the RFC Editor team and the community for being a part of making all this happen!