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:

  https://www.rfc-editor.org/rse/wiki/doku.php/design:format-implementation
  https://www.rfc-editor.org/materials/FAQ-xml2rfcv3.html

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)
  - Updated RFC Style Guide (RFC 7322) (2014)
  - DOIs assigned; RPC/Publisher RFP and contract awarded (2015)
  - RFC Format specifications published (RFCs 7991-7998) (2016)
  - Digital archive partnerships (RFC 8153) (2017)
  - New RFC Format rolling out (2019)

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