RFC Editor -- Charter/RFP

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What is this all about, anyway?

- "Putting out the RFC Editor contract for bids this year"
  - RFP
- Firming up some answers to informal communal knowledge/opinion
  - TechSpec
  - RFC Editor charter
- That is: can't RFP without crisp definitions
  - RFP -- IAOC
  - crisp definitions -- IAB, community

Pieces of the Plan

- Overall timeline
  - http://www1.ietf.org/mail-archive/web/ietf/current/msg40840.html
- Straw proposal of RFC Editor Charter
  - http://www1.ietf.org/mail-archive/web/ietf/current/msg40842.html
- Defining IETF technical specification publication requirements
  - TechSpec BoF (Thu 9-11:30am)

Timeline -- Definitions Process

- [March-April] Getting agreement on a basic RFC Editor charter
- [March-May] Completing TechSpec to describe requirements for IETF technical specification publication
- [OnGoing] Developing analogous components for independent submissions, IRTF documents, etc.
    - (Not all yet on the timeline).

Timeline -- RFP Process

- [May-June, IAOC] Request for Interest
- [July-September, IAOC] Request for Proposals and evaluation
- [September, IAOC] Selection, negotiation
- [October-December, IAOC] Transition

Straw Proposal Charter (Mar 16, Part 1)

- The RFC Editor executes editorial management for the publication of the "Request for Comment" (RFC) document series, which is the permanent document repository of the IETF community. The RFC series constitutes the archival publication channel for Internet Standards and for other contributions by the Internet research and engineering community.

Straw Proposal Charter (Mar 16, Part 2)

- RFCs are available free of charge to anyone via the Internet. It is the responsibility of the IAB to approve the appointment of an organization to act as RFC Editor and the general policy followed by the RFC Editor.

- Policies, including those for defining publication tracks and their requirements, intellectual property rights, as well as editorial review and approval processes, must be defined in IETF community consensus documents before being put to the IAB for approval.

Intentions

- Provide a community managed definition of RFC Editor
- Get the right balance of
  - accountability of RFC Editor actions
  - room for RFC Editor discretion
- A layer of indirection
  - independent submission track policy would define expectations, accountability, and boundaries
  - does not need to make independent submissions go through IETF/IESG process (not very independent!)