MEMORANDUM

TO   :   ARIN Vendors

FROM: ARIN Contracting

DATE :   February 10, 2011

RE   :   Requirement for IPv6 Capability Beginning in 2012

PURPOSE

This memo is to alert current and prospective ARIN vendors that, beginning in January of 2012, ARIN will consider vendors support for IPv6 when accessing vendor's claims of web-based capabilities. The goal of this action is to ensure that, going forward, ARIN continues to operate in an IPv6 capable environment. This requirement applies to both goods and services that include any web-based functionality.

DETAILS

To the extent that vendor claims are made about web-based capabilities, ARIN will only consider such functionality if it can be utilized over both IPv4 and IPv6 Internet service connections. This may result in preference being given to fully Internet reachable vendors over those without IPv6 support, even if the web-based capabilities are only used to support the use of the vendors goods or services.

It is recommended that you consult your IT department for a more technical description of the specific needs this requirement may pose for your environment. Fundamental to this understanding is knowing the difference between IPv4 vs. IPv6 protocol numbers. Please go here to learn more, https://www.arin.net/knowledge/v4-v6.html . You can contact your ISP if you are unsure and, if further explanations are required, we can be contacted at compliance@arin.net .

SCOPE

This requirement applies to both goods and services. An evaluation may be undertaken by ARIN and ARIN reserves the right to test any claims made in reference to this requirement.

CONTRACTS GENERALLY EXCLUDED

ARIN will seek to meet the goals of this process, but recognizes that flexibility is required for goods and services and that this requirement may not be applicable to all situations. So, ARIN will, on a case by case basis, evaluate requests from vendors who seek to waive this requirement.