The i2Coalition (Internet Infrastructure Coalition) ensures that those who build the infrastructure of the Internet have a voice in public policy. Founded in 2012, the i2Coalition is the leading voice for web hosting companies, data centers, registrars and registries, cloud infrastructure providers, managed services providers, and related tech. The i2Coalition protects the innovation and continued growth of the Internet’s infrastructure, essential to the global economy. Below is a summary of our victories:
ADVOCACY

- We successfully advocated for increased transparency in trade negotiations and agreements as part of our participation in the Brussels meeting on Open Trade.
- We facilitated an intensive one day lobbying effort to raise awareness of the importance of encryption and cryptography to our members products.
- We passed review and reform of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) unanimously through the House of Representatives.
- We advocated before the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Embassy in Brussels and the European Commission towards a replacement for the U.S./EU safe harbor (privacy shield).
- We provided substantive comment and observations in the deliberations on the E.U. Digital single market.
- We supported Congressional efforts to move the Judicial Redress Act forward in Congress.
- We commented on the Copyright Office’s copyright roundtable, focusing primarily on the challenges faced by Internet infrastructure providers in implementing and administering the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA). Facilitated member input into this study.
- We filed our first self funded amicus brief in “Perfect 10 vs. Giganews” taking the position that vicarious liability should not be extended to service providers.
- We played a key role in structuring, guiding and advocating for a Congressional commission discussing the importance of encryption and encryption policy.
- We entered into a discussion with the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) regarding the standards, procedures and difficulties faced by Internet infrastructure providers in working with U.S. sanctions regulations.
- We discussed with key Congressional stakeholders difficulties faced by changes made to the Wassenaar arrangement. President Obama has instructed the State Department to revisit problematic changes.
- We have joined multiple letters and campaigns to halt the changes to Rule 41, a rule which dramatically expands the U.S. government’s ability to hack. We will continue to advocate Rule 41 reform.
- We are proud to have helped spearhead the success of the IANA transition. We facilitated meetings between industry leaders and the NTIA as well as providing extensive public comments on both CWG and CCWG work products. We actively engaged U.S. Congress to not take detrimental action that would prevent the transition. We coordinated the tech community’s amicus brief when four State Attorneys General sued to stop the transition from moving forward right before the deadline.
- The aforementioned IANA Transition lobbying win was listed among the year’s top lobbying victories by TheHill.com.
VICTORIES

ADVOCACY CONTINUED

- We joined both the ISPCP and BC ICANN constituencies, where we actively participate on behalf of our non-contracted members.
- We provided public comments on numerous ICANN related issues to advance our voice within the multi-stakeholder model, including important comments on Privacy & Proxy Accreditation, and various components of the IANA transition process.
- We participated in the work of ICC-BASIS, where we provide a voice to the Internet infrastructure community within the greater business community on Internet governance issues.
- We continue to monitor and participate on important discussions on surveillance reform, CFAA reform, DMCA reform, the IANA transition and trade issues such as the Trans Pacific Partnership.
- We assisted the U.S. State Department in its efforts surrounding the ITU’s WCIT conference, and are in direct contact for future ITU business consults.
- We collaborated with diverse groups such as EuroISPA, eco International, M3AAWG and NCMEC to work on projects that help make the Internet a better, safer place.

EARNED MEDIA

- We placed regional opinion editorials from member company representatives. We received national press coverage on PBS, and in major publications such as: The Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg, Business Insider, Time, The New York Times, Bloomberg News, The Washington Post, Politico, and The Hill.
- Our IANA Transition lobbying was listed among the year’s top lobbying victories by TheHill.com.
- We also see regular coverage in industry news sources such as: TechCrunch, The Verge, CSM Passcode and the WHIR.
- We have launched a channel on industry forum, CircleID.
WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN I2COALITION:

While young, the i2Coalition continues to grow by adding resources and expanding our priorities. We are member-driven. We rely upon your leadership, participation and membership to keep our focus and momentum moving forward. Here are some of the benefits afforded by your annual membership:

- Member Working Groups that meet monthly, including: Public Policy, Internet Governance, Gender Diversity & Equity Initiative, Internet Safety Working Group, Technical Outreach Working Group.

- Opportunities to meet with Congressional members and staff to discuss our legislative priorities and to educate Capitol Hill on our industry. To date we have developed relationships with more than 50 offices on both sides of aisle.

- Industry representation at global meetings such as ICANN, IGF and ITU to champion our industry’s role and position in the multi-stakeholder model of Internet governance.

- Member-To-Member benefits program where members provide exclusive services and special offers.

For more information about renewing your membership or joining the i2Coalition, please contact:

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