

Reserved Names Auction Process

Prior to the launch of .BANK in May 2015, fTLD Registry Services (fTLD) reserved numerous domain names from being available for registration.

fTLD is now allocating select .BANK domain names from its Reserved Names Lists via auction. The domain names to be auctioned and auction date are available [here](#).

Auction Process:

- For an opportunity to register the domain names, participation in the auction is required.^[1]
- Participants must meet the .BANK organization and domain name eligibility requirements (available [here](#)) to be considered a valid bidder, and the registering organization (i.e., Registrant) must continue to comply with these requirements as a term of its registration of the domain name. For U.S. State names, the legal name of the bank must include the State name (e.g., Kansas Local Bank can bid on KANSAS.BANK).
- The minimum bid price for the domain auction is \$2,500; bidders should submit *only* their maximum bid.
- In the event of a tie, fTLD will request each tied bidder to provide its best-and-final offer for the domain name.
- Upon conclusion of the auction, fTLD will notify the winning bidders and inform those who did not win.
- The winning bidders will pay their submitted bids, as a one-time fee, to fTLD within 10-calendar days of the invoice date.
- Upon fTLD's acknowledgement of receipt of payment of the auction fee, the winners must complete a Verification Application (accessible [here](#)) within five (5) calendar days to be verified to register the domain names. Once verified, the winners may register the domain names with their fTLD-Approved Registrar^[2] of choice at the Registrar's standard domain name registration fee.
- The winning bidders must register their domain names within ten (10) calendar days of being successfully verified by fTLD.
- Failure to meet the specified timelines, in fTLD's sole discretion, will result in the right to register being waived, the auction fee returned (if applicable) and the domain name(s) made available to the second highest bidder or returned to the Reserved Names List.

To participate in the auction, the following must be emailed to bid@fTLD.com any time prior to 5pm EDT on Wednesday, October 16, 2019:

- Company Legal Name:
- Company Legal Address:
- Bidder's Name:

- Bidder's Title:
- Bidder's Email Address:
- Bidder's Phone Number:
- Domain(s) Desired and Maximum Bid for each Domain:

Submit questions about the auction process to the above email address.

[1] If there are no participants for the domain name(s) in the auction, the domain name(s) will revert to being reserved.

[2] Bidders are encouraged to identify their Registrar prior to submission of their bid to avoid delays in registering the domain name(s) after being verified. The full list of fTLD-Approved Registrars is available [here](#).