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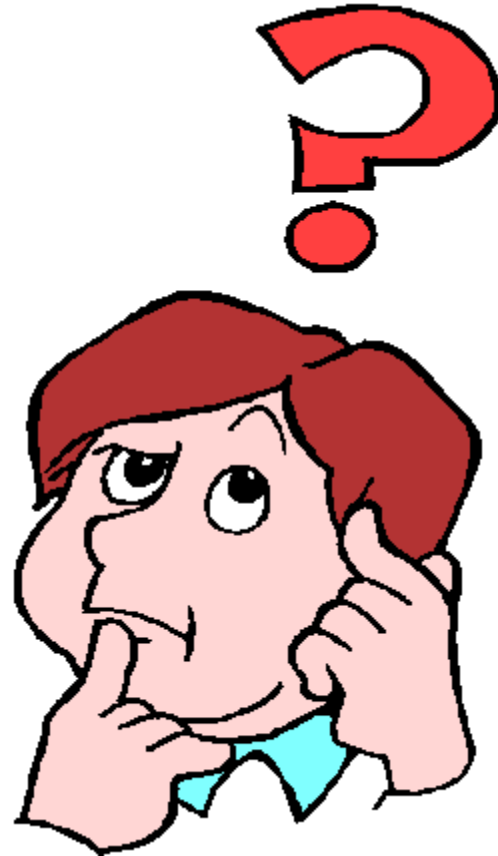
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Requesting “.gov” Website and Email

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Why “.gov”?



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Top Level Domain

- Restricted to government organizations
- Established to easily identify a US-based government organization on the internet
- .gov domains used by
 - All three branches of US Government
 - All 50 states
 - Many local governments



Benefit for BOEs

- Signals trust and credibility
- Security
 - Requires using 2-step verification for all users
 - User accounts cannot use passwords found in known data breaches
 - Web browsers only allow HTTPs domains to be preloaded
 - Preloading lets web browsers know to always use HTTPS to connect with any website on that domain
 - Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) help monitor for issues in the namespace



How to Request .gov Domain

- Follow guidance at <https://home.dotgov.gov/registration/>
- Registration is open to election officials in states or local governments
- Cost is \$400 per year
- Eligibility is based on its legal operation authority, for example
 - Descriptions of various domain designations and requirements are available at <https://home.dotgov.gov/registration/requirements>



.gov: Website and Email

- Once a .gov domain is in place
 - Website provider can convert your website
 - IT resource can set up the services



“.gov” Domain through SOS

- Boards of Elections can obtain a “.gov” through the Secretary of State’s office
- Domain will be “countyname.BOEOhio.gov”



Questions



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