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## PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL APPOINTS LEAD TRAINER

*Security industry veteran will drive adoption and awareness of PCI Standards through training programs for QSA's, PA-QSA's, Merchants & Service Providers*

**WAKEFIELD, Mass., July 9, 2009** — The PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC), a global, open industry standards body providing management of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS), PIN Entry Device (PED) Security Requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS), today announced the appointment of D. Timothy Hartzell as its new training lead.

Hartzell will report to the Council's technical director, Troy Leach, and be responsible for delivering training programs to the Council's Qualified Security Assessor (QSA), Payment Application QSA's and broader industry audiences. The Council's current training program features certification courses for QSAs and annual requalification training.

The Council's newly launched Standards Training program is designed to help merchants and service providers improve preparation for on site assessment, understand what is involved in creating their own internal assessment capability, and establish an internal program to help sustain PCI DSS security practices and compliance. This new course, which Hartzell will lead, was introduced directly as a result of stakeholder feedback to the Council.

"Tim has proven himself to be an excellent teacher and mentor and we welcome him to PCI SSC," Leach said. "Training is at the heart of the PCI Security Standards Council's mission to increase awareness and adoption of the PCI standards. We believe Tim will accelerate and enhance our ability to improve our educational offerings to payment security professionals worldwide."

Hartzell is a 25-year veteran of the information technology industry, with deep payment card security experience. Hartzell was most recently Associate Director in the Technology Risk Consulting practice at Protiviti, Inc., a risk and business consultancy. Hartzell led Protiviti's Information Security practice for Ohio and western Pennsylvania and co-led the company's global PCI practice. Prior to that, Hartzell spent 13 years in research and production at a major oil company; worked in the manufacturing and environmental services industries and has been an instructor of Information Technology subjects at the baccalaureate level. Over the past eleven-plus years he has worked exclusively in the Information Systems Security field in the financial services, retail, hospitality and health care industries. Hartzell holds industry qualifications including CISSP and CISM; and is a member of and speaker at events held by ISACA and ISSA.

The next QSA qualification training is scheduled for Denver in August, followed by Brazil, in October. Requalification sessions are scheduled for July 22-24 in Toronto. In addition Standards Training sessions will be held throughout 2009. Details on all training sessions may be found on the Council's website at: <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/education/index.shtml>

### **About the PCI Security Standards Council**

The mission of the PCI Security Standards Council is to enhance payment account security by fostering broad adoption of the PCI Data Security Standard and other standards that increase payment data security.

The PCI Security Standards Council was formed by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc. to provide a transparent forum in which all stakeholders can provide input into the ongoing development, enhancement and dissemination of the PCI Data Security Standard (DSS), PIN Entry Device (PED) Security Requirements and the Payment Applications Data Security Standard (PA-DSS). Merchants, banks, processors and point of sale vendors are encouraged to join as Participating Organizations.

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