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PCI NORTH AMERICAN COMMUNITY MEETING TO CONNECT HUNDREDS OF GLOBAL PAYMENT SECURITY LEADERS

—Registration tops 500 for annual meeting; Council webinar to detail networking opportunities—

WAKEFIELD, Mass., August 08, 2011 — 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](#) Transaction Security (PTS) requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard ([PA-DSS](#)), today announced that more than 500 payment security experts have already registered to attend its [PCI North American Community Meeting](#) in Scottsdale, Arizona on September 19-22, 2011, with new attendees being added daily. The event is the Council's annual forum that brings together payment security leaders for the ongoing development and improvement of payment card security globally.

The 2011 PCI SSC Community Meetings offer Participating Organizations and Council stakeholders the unique opportunity to participate in interactive sessions to discuss and provide feedback on their implementation of the newest versions of the PCI Security Standards.

New this year, the Council has introduced enhanced networking opportunities, allowing for attendees to meet and ask questions of representatives from the world's largest associations, card brands, financial institutions and peers from their own industry in this exclusive gathering of global payment security experts. Targeted activities include "Breakfast with the Brands" and networking opportunities such as "Tables for Six" that facilitate informal dinner conversation for those in the PCI community.

In order to help participants plan for their time at the Community Meeting and get a head start on networking to make the most of these opportunities, the Council will also host a webinar, “Making PCI Connections: How to get the most out of the PCI Community Meeting Experience,” this month to outline the many avenues available for making meaningful connections with business partners, colleagues and customers, and how to take advantage of them, including:

- PCI Community Meeting LinkedIn Groups
- Breakfast with the Brands Session
- Tables of Six Dinner Outings
- Networking Receptions
- Vendor Showcase

Click [here](#) to register for the Tuesday, August 30th session at 12:00 pm PT/3:00 pm ET. Click [here](#) to register for the Thursday, September 1st session at 8:00 am PT/11:00 am ET.

Attendees can get a head start on networking at the event and RSVP on LinkedIn to connect with others participating in this year’s meetings:

North America Community Meeting: <http://linkd.in/jEw5jP>

European Community Meeting: <http://linkd.in/raDh0z>

“The Community Meeting is an invaluable opportunity to connect with your colleagues, business partners and customers. When else do you have the collective experience, knowledge and insights that is the PCI community, all gathered in one place?” said [Bob Russo](#), general manager, PCI Security Standards Council.

At the North American Community Meeting, followed by the [European Community Meeting in London](#), UK on October 17-19, the 3-day program will include the latest in breaking forensics, security trends and technology from [expert keynote speakers](#); SSC updates on the global state of PCI and technologies such as: point-to-point encryption,

mobile payments, virtualization and tokenization; as well as dedicated sessions providing guidance to those aiding in PCI assessments, including Approved Scanning Vendors (ASV), Qualified Security Assessors (QSA), Internal Security Assessors (ISA) and PCI Forensic Investigators (PFI).

The full agendas for each meeting can be found at the Community Meeting website: <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/communitymeeting/2011/>

“We recognize that meeting and engaging with others in your industry who share many of the same challenges when it comes to payment security, as well as talking with the Council and the payment brands, is important to you,” said Russo. “We’ve responded to this feedback and structured this year’s meetings to provide you with multiple ways for networking with others across the payments community.”

The 2011 PCI SSC Community Meetings feature a [Vendor Showcase](#) for Participating Organizations, QSAs and ASVs to demonstrate their products and services, as well as a number of [sponsorship](#) opportunities.

For more information, or to register to attend, please visit the Community Meetings website: <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/communitymeeting/2011/>

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About the PCI Security Standards Council

The [PCI](#) Security Standards Council is an open, global forum that is responsible for the development, management, education, and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard ([PCI DSS](#)) and related standards that increase payment data security. Founded in 2006 by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc., the Council has more than 600 Participating Organizations representing merchants, banks, processors and vendors worldwide. To learn more about playing a part in securing payment card data globally, please visit: <http://pcisecuritystandards.org>.

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