PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL OPENS ELECTION FOR NEW SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

—Two week voting period allows Participating Organizations to prioritize Council projects—

WAKEFIELD, Mass., October 24, 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 the opening of the election for Special Interest Groups.

The Council developed Special Interest Groups (SIG) to leverage the expertise of more than 600 Participating Organizations and provide a vehicle for incorporating their ideas and input into the work of the Council. SIGs focus on providing recommendations to the Council which often results in guidance for the Community to interpret and implement the PCI Standards. To date SIG participants have made significant contributions to Council resources on topics such as wireless security, EMV chip and point-to-point encryption and virtualized environments.

Participating Organizations are invited to submit votes for their top three of the seven shortlisted proposals. The proposals were submitted by a cross-section of merchants, acquirers, industry associations, service providers, Qualified Security Assessors (QSA) and vendors. They cover the following topics:

- Small ecommerce merchants
- Effective patch management that is compliant with PCI DSS requirement 6.1

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- Administrative access to systems and devices
- Cloud
- Small businesses
- Hosted, managed application and service providers
- Risk assessments

"The Council is delighted at the level of input we've received from the community in the form of SIG proposals," said Jeremy King, European director, PCI Security Standards Council. "I'm particularly pleased to see such broad global representation and perspectives in submissions. Securing payment card data is a global challenge and the Council's worldwide stakeholders are uniquely positioned to partner with us in tackling this."

Further information on the proposals, including video presentations from SIG proposers shared at the Community Meetings, are available at https://programs.pcissc.org/ to help Participating Organizations determine their votes. They can cast their votes using the online tool accessible via the Participating Organization's portal at https://programs.pcissc.org/. The polls close on Friday November 4th. Results will be announced following the election, together with next steps on how to volunteer for the Special Interest Groups.

For More Information:
For more information on the SIG election process please visit our website or contact the PCI Security Standards Council at sigs@pcisecuritystandards.org.

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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