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## PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL APPOINTS ROB TOURT AS 2013 CHAIRPERSON

- *Discover Financial Services executive to bring multi-term perspective to leadership role -*

**WAKEFIELD, Mass.**, 28 February, 2013— Today, [the PCI Security Standards Council \(PCI SSC\)](#), an open global forum for the development of payment card security standards, announced that Rob Tourt, chief risk management officer, payment services, Discover Network, will serve as chairperson of the PCI Security Standards Council for the 2013 term.

Tourt succeeds Michael Mitchell, vice president, Global Network Business, American Express, who held the position in 2012. This will be Tourt's second term at the head of the [Executive Committee](#), and he will guide the Council in releasing updated versions of its core standards, based on market feedback in 2013.

In 2013, the Council will focus on:

- Developing and launching new versions of the PCI DSS, PA-DSS and PCI PTS requirements
- Soliciting broad industry input in the Council's activities and initiatives through [Special Interest Groups](#) and new membership categories
- Conducting a successful [Board of Advisors](#) election and seating a new board to represent interests of Participating Organizations
- Driving participation in Council [training](#) opportunities for increased payment card security expertise globally
- Working across industries to deliver guidance on mobile payment acceptance, e-commerce security, cloud computing and risk assessment
- Continued focus on technologies that may offer PCI DSS scope reduction for merchants, including point-to-point encryption and tokenization

“In my first term as Chair, early in the Council’s existence, I helped guide the organization as it worked to expand its set of security standards to touch critical pieces of the payment chain,” said Tourt. “As the Council has matured and industry participation has reached strong levels, I am excited to return to this role. I look forward to working with even more of our stakeholders across the payments chain to improve payment security through PCI standards, starting with welcoming a new Board of Advisors for the 2013-2015 term.”

Tourt first joined Discover as a fraud investigator. His career to date at the company spans all areas of the payments business, and he has over 27 years of experience including recent assignments leading the integration of Diners Club International network into DFS, expanding Discover acceptance globally. Tourt currently serves as head of the Payment Services’ risk organization and is responsible for; internal control, counterparty risk management, compliance and fraud prevention activities for the division.

“We are pleased to welcome Rob Tourt back to the helm in this busy year for the Council,” said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. “With his proven leadership at the Council, he will bring a variety of perspectives to help the organization best serve its members and ensure an effective roll out of new versions of PCI Standards in 2013.”

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

The [PCI](http://pcisecuritystandards.org) 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](http://pcisecuritystandards.org)) and other 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 over 650 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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