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PCI COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2014 SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP PROJECT PROPOSALS

—Groups to present ideas at PCI Community Meetings—

WAKEFIELD, Mass., 22 August 2013 — Today the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC), an open, global forum for the development of payment card security standards, announced the list of Special Interest Group (SIG) proposals for consideration as 2014 projects. Participating Organizations and assessors that submitted the SIG ideas will present them at the 2013 North American and European Community Meetings in advance of an online election in November.

Special Interest Groups are PCI community-led initiatives that address specific areas or security challenges in relation to the PCI Standards. Topics proposed by the PCI community for 2014 are:

- Increase Security at Retail Stores
- PCI DSS as it relates to "Mainframe Type" Environments
- Encryption Key Management Guidance
- Penetration Testing Scoping Guidance (Internal & External)
- Best Practices for Merchants: Skimming Prevention
- Incident Response Plan Toolkit
- Best Practices for Implementing a Formal Security Awareness Program
- Guidance on Steps to Obtain PCI DSS Certification
- Guidance on Securing Admin Access to CDE
- Best Practices for Small Merchants

The Council will work with these groups to ensure a clear understanding of the suggested topics and deliverables for presentation at the Community Meetings.

To register for the 2013 Community Meetings and attend the SIG sessions, please visit:
https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/communitymeeting/2013/

"The strong participation in the SIG process is a great testament to the value of these community-led projects in bringing together experts from across industries and around the world to address the topics that are most important to their payment security efforts. We look forward to discussing these ideas at the Community Meetings," said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council.

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 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 more than 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: pcisecuritystandards.org.

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