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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ELECTION RESULTS

—Security awareness and penetration testing selected as priority issues by PCI community for 2014—

WAKEFIELD, Mass., 05 December 2013 — Today [the PCI Security Standards Council \(PCI SSC\)](#), an open, global forum for the development of payment card security standards, announced the election results for 2014 Special Interest Group ([SIG](#)) projects. SIGS are PCI community-led initiatives that address specific areas or security challenges in relation to the PCI Standards.

PCI Participating Organizations, including merchants, financial institutions, service providers and associations, voted on the ten proposals submitted by their peers and presented for consideration at the 2013 PCI Community Meetings. These topics were selected for exploration in 2014:

- Penetration Testing Guidance (Internal & External)
- Best Practices for Implementing a Formal Security Awareness Program

More information on each SIG is available on the PCI SSC website:

https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/get_involved/special_interest_groups.php.

Over the next couple weeks Council SIG leads will convene each group to formalize the group charter and precise scope of work, before kicking off the projects in January 2014.

The Council invites PCI Participating Organizations and assessors interested in getting involved in one of these SIG projects to fill out the web form on the PCI SSC website by 20 December 2013.

“The community had to choose between ten strong proposals from their peers, so it was certainly not an easy decision,” said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI SSC. “Again, we are encouraged by how many Participating Organizations were involved in the submission and

election process this year. SIGS continue to be an excellent vehicle for leveraging their expertise in the work we're doing to increase payment card security globally.”

Special Interest Groups continue to be critical forum for industry participation in Council initiatives. Past SIG contributions include guidance on topics such as e-commerce security, cloud computing, wireless security, EMV chip and point-to-point encryption. To access these resources, please visit:

https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/security_standards/documents.php

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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