PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL INVITES INDUSTRY FEEDBACK ON PCI STANDARDS
— PCI community to play critical role in shaping next version of PCI DSS and PA-DSS —

Wakefield, Mass., 20 November 2014 – Today the PCI Security Standards Council, an open global forum for the development of payment card security standards opened the formal feedback period for version 3.0 of the PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) and Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS). From 20 November 2014 until April 2015, PCI Participating Organizations and assessors are invited to provide suggestions and input on revisions to be included in the next version of the standards.

The PCI Council works on a three-year standards development lifecycle. Feedback from members of the PCI community representing merchants, banks, processors, IT vendors, security assessors and those across the payment chain, is the foundational element of this process. The feedback period takes place a full year after the new versions of the DSS and PA-DSS are released, giving organizations the opportunity to provide input based on their experiences in implementing the standards.

"As we continue to develop and evolve PCI Standards and resources to provide merchants what they need to secure cardholder data, collaboration is critical," said PCI SSC General Manager Stephen W. Orfei. "As those on the front lines of payment security, representing businesses across the global payment ecosystem, we encourage PCI stakeholders to participate in the feedback process.

Published in November 2013, version 3.0 focuses on helping organizations make payment security part of their business-as-usual activities by introducing more flexibility, and an increased focus on education, awareness and security as a shared responsibility. On 31 December 2014, version 2.0 will retire and all validation efforts for compliance must follow version 3.0.

Feedback submissions are grouped into three categories - Clarifications, Additional Guidance and Evolving Requirements - and will be reviewed by the Council and included in discussion for the next iteration of the PCI Standards.

PCI stakeholders can access the feedback form on the PCI portal at: https://programs.pcissc.org/. Please email support@pcisecuritystandards.org for assistance with credentials or with any questions on using the feedback tool.

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, JCB International, MasterCard and Visa Inc., the Council has more than 700 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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