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GLOBAL PAYMENT SECURITY LEADERS TO GATHER AT 2011 ANNUAL PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL COMMUNITY MEETINGS; DATES AND DETAILS ANNOUNCED

—Interactive forum provides Participating Organizations opportunity to share insight and feedback on experiences in protecting payment card data—

WAKEFIELD, Mass., April 15, 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 dates and locations for its 2011 Community Meetings, the Council's annual forums for engaging with Participating Organizations and members of the assessment community on the PCI Security Standards.

This year's two events will be held in North America and Europe, ensuring global participation from stakeholders across the payment chain:

North America   September 20-22, 2011
                                 Westin Kierland
                                 Scottsdale, Arizona

Europe   October 17-19, 2011
                                 Royal Lancaster Hotel
                                 London, United Kingdom

The 2011 PCI SSC Community Meetings offer Participating Organizations and Council stakeholders the unique opportunity to participate in interactive sessions to discuss and provide feedback on their implementation of the newest versions of the PCI Security Standards. The Council will provide brief updates on current initiatives, including the latest guidance documents on payments technologies, with the majority of this year's

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sessions structured as question and answer forums and industry networking sessions. This is in addition to the popular welcome receptions where attendees are able to meet and network with payment card security industry leaders and stakeholders from around the globe.

"The Community Meeting is the first formal feedback forum since we published version 2.0 of the standards at the end of last year, so this year's meetings are all about listening," said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. "We're eager to sit down with our Participating Organizations face to face to hear about their experiences in putting the updated standards into place within their organizations to secure cardholder data."

New this year, the agenda includes case studies highlighting 'PCI in Practice', where attendees will hear from industry peers about their experiences in protecting payment card data. Structured and informal dialogue with Council management and representatives of the payment card brands, as well as presentations from industry experts on current issues surrounding payment card security, law enforcement and data breach investigations, are also part of the 2011 program. Additionally, the Community Meeting features special sessions for Qualified Security Assessors (QSAs) and Approved Scanning Vendors (ASVs).

The Council has scheduled several training courses during the week, including its recently launched PCI Awareness training. These offerings provide participants the opportunity to combine the value of peer to peer education at the Community Meeting with more formal training sessions, maximizing their time in Scottsdale and London.

"Last year we held our biggest meeting in Europe to date, with more than 500 attendees," said Jeremy King, European regional director, PCI Security Standards Council. "As we continue to raise awareness and adoption of the PCI Security Standards in this region, we look forward to engaging with an even greater number of leaders across the security, payments, finance, retail and technology fields at the 2011 European Community meeting."

The 2011 PCI SSC Community Meeting features a Vendor Showcase for Participating Organizations, QSAs and ASVs to demonstrate their products and services. Space is still available and interested parties are encouraged to visit the Community Meetings website for more information.

Click here to register for the PCI SSC 2011 North America Community Meeting. Registration for the European Community Meeting will open later this month.

Attendance fees are:

Participating Organization: First two registrants are free; $395 for additional registrants
QSA/ASV/PTS members: First registrant is free; $695 for additional registrants

Click here for a quick video from Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council on attending the PCI SSC 2011 Community Meetings.

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Are you attending? Get a head start on networking at the event and RSVP on LinkedIn to connect with others participating in this year's meetings.

For More Information:
For more information on the PCI Security Standards Council, please visit www.pcisecuritystandards.org or contact the PCI SSC Secretariat for any questions or concerns regarding the Community Meetings at secretariat@pcisecuritystandards.org.

About the PCI Security Standards Council
The mission of the PCI Security Standards Council is to enhance payment account security by driving education and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard and other standards that increase payment data security.

The PCI Security Standards Council was formed by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc. to provide a transparent forum in which all stakeholders can provide input into the ongoing development, enhancement and dissemination of the PCI

Data Security Standard (DSS), PIN Transaction Security (PTS) requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS). Merchants, banks, processors and other vendors are encouraged to join as participating organizations.

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