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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL TO HOLD INAUGURAL PCI STANDARDS TRAINING SESSION

Official curriculum helps merchants better prepare for on site PCI DSS assessments

WAKEFIELD, Mass., March 5, 2009 — The PCI Security Standards Council, a global, open industry standards body providing management of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS), PCI PIN Entry Device (PED) Security Requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS), today announced the launch of a new training course for merchants. The two-day course entitled Standards Training, is designed to help merchants improve preparation for on site assessment, understand what is involved in creating their own internal assessment capability and establish an internal compliance program to help them sustain PCI DSS security practices and compliance when the assessment process is completed.

The two- day training course will be held April 6 and 7, 2009 at the University of Chicago Gleacher Center. The curriculum topics include:

- **PCI DSS Program** – payment card industry overview, payment transaction flows and payment brand compliance programs
- **Scoping a PCI DSS Assessment** – cardholder data discovery including cardholder data flow and cardholder data storage. Network segmentation and defining the scope of the PCI DSS assessment
- **PCI DSS v1.2 Requirements** – interpretation of the requirements, testing procedures and how to apply the testing procedures based on the scope of the assessment. This session also includes case study review of real world PCI DSS assessments
- **Compensating Controls** – concept introduction and review of examples of both acceptable controls and compensating controls that do not meet the compensating control worksheet requirements.

The course will be led by PCI Security Standards Council experts including Jeff Foresman, the lead PCI SSC standards trainer, who has over 20 years of experience in the technology sector as a specialist in training QSA's and helping merchants understand regulatory and compliance issues.

The Standards Training is targeted at security and IT personnel that are responsible for their company's PCI DSS activities. This new course takes some curriculum content directly from current PCI SSC approved Qualified Security Assessor training. It therefore provides merchants with the opportunity to understand first hand how a QSA will be examining their environment and some of the guiding principles they use during assessments. The course is relevant to Recognizing that achieving, and more crucially maintaining, compliance with PCI DSS is an organization's best defense against account data compromise, the course will also put compliance into a broader security context discussing best practices outside of PCI DSS that merchants may find useful for their overall security programs.

"The Council will continue to focus on expanding educational resources and learning opportunities for our Participating Organizations and the industry at large. As part of this commitment we are pleased to continue to offer the first of our merchant training sessions for 2009 in Chicago," said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. "The new training program is a great opportunity to get direct insight from the Council on the areas we train Qualified Security Assessors to examine. We believe this session will be extremely valuable for merchants looking to understand the assessment process better, as well as those looking for practical advice on how to maintain their security programs with PCI DSS compliance at the foundation, when the assessment period is over. "

This Standards Training session will be available in multiple markets throughout 2009. Further trainings are scheduled for; Atlanta, Las Vegas and Toronto in North America; Sydney, Australia; London, UK and Prague, Czech Republic. As registration opens, details will be available on the Council's website <http://www.pcisecuritystandards.org>

For More Information:

Attendance fees are \$995 per person for the two-day course. To register, please visit the following link: <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/education/training.shtml>

For more information about the PCI Security Standards Council or to become a Participating Organization please visit <http://www.pcisecuritystandards.org>, or contact the PCI Security Standards Council at info@pcisecuritystandards.org.

About the PCI Security Standards Council

The mission of the PCI Security Standards Council is to enhance payment account security by fostering broad adoption 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, 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 Entry Device (PED) Security Requirements and the Payment Applications Data Security Standard (PA-DSS). Merchants, banks, processors and point of sale vendors are encouraged to join as Participating Organizations.

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