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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL TO HOLD
FIRST STANDARDS TRAINING SESSION IN ASIA PACIFIC

Official curriculum delivered in Sydney, Australia helps merchants and service providers better prepare for onsite PCI DSS assessments

WAKEFIELD, Mass., May 7, 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 Sydney, Australia as the site of its next merchant training course. The Standards Training program is designed to help merchants and service providers improve preparation for onsite assessments, understand what is involved in creating their own internal assessment capability and establish an internal compliance program to help sustain PCI DSS security practices and compliance after the assessment process is completed.

The two-day intensive training course will take place on May 28 and 29, 2009 at the Sydney Harbour Marriott. Curriculum topics that will be covered 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.

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The Sydney Standards Training will build on the momentum of the inaugural, sold out course held in Chicago, Ill. in April with more than 130 participants in attendance. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive with many informing PCI SSC that due to the course material and interactive Q&A time, they left with an increased understanding of PCI standards and an action plan for their organization.

"I highly recommend the PCI SSC Standards Training Program for anyone who has a role in PCI compliance. I found this to be a quality class with the right level of detail, specifically for the ongoing adherence to PCI and how to improve preparation for on-site assessments by a QSA," said Judy Morris, product manager, SITA.

"The Council is expanding upon the success we had in Chicago and we continue to demonstrate our commitment to providing educational resources and learning opportunities for our Participating Organizations and stakeholders worldwide," said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. "With direct insight from the Council into the assessment process, this training will be extremely beneficial for merchants looking to receive practical advice on both working with a QSA and maintenance of PCI DSS compliance within their organization after the assessment period is concluded."

The program 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 QSAs and helping merchants understand regulatory and compliance issues.

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

Upcoming trainings will be held in Atlanta on June 17 -18, 2009 at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, followed by London, UK; Toronto, Canada; Las Vegas, Nevada; 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 US$995 per person for the two-day course. To register, please visit the following link:http://www.register123.com/event/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x1584806a0d
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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