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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL INTERNAL SECURITY ASSESSOR TRAINING DATES

—New dates for training and certification program to help companies build internal PCI expertise—

WAKEFIELD, Mass., June 18, 2010 — Today, 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), announced the availability of new training sessions across the United States this year.

The Internal Security Assessor Program (ISA), which launched May 19th in Sydney, Australia, offers PCI DSS training and certification for internal assessment staff at entities such as merchants, acquiring banks and processors. The three day course is designed to test and qualify in-house security personnel on how to validate and maintain ongoing PCI compliance within their organizations.

Upcoming sessions are scheduled for

- June 23- 25, 2010 in Columbus, OH
- August 23-25, 2010 in Seattle, WA
- September 13-15, 2010 in Orlando, FL (at the PCI SSC Community Meeting)

Full details and registration information can be obtained through the PCI SSC website at https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/education/isa_training.shtml

The training provides attendees with in-depth technical instruction for enhancing the quality, reliability, and consistency of an organization's internal PCI DSS self-assessments, supporting the consistent and proper application of PCI DSS measures and controls, and effectively facilitating external relationships with PCI SSC certified Qualified Security Assessors.

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The course is led by PCI Security Standards Council experts including Tim Hartzell, the lead PCI SSC standards trainer, who has more than 25 years of experience in the technology sector and training members of the payments community.

"Our first Internal Security Assessor training session held in Sydney Australia last month was positively received by both merchants and acquirers," said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. "Attendees will use their new skills to develop or improve their in house PCI compliance programs, successfully prepare for interactions with QSAs and generally take a stronger approach to their ongoing efforts to protect cardholder data."

Additional locations for ISA training sessions outside of the United States will be posted to the Council's website throughout the year.

For More Information:
ISA certifications are renewable annually, and are valid while the certified ISA individual remains at the company that sponsored their attendance at the training. ISA Training attendees must be full-time employees of their company. For more details, please see the Validation Requirements for Internal Security Assessors (ISAs) and sponsoring companies
https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/pdfs/pci_internal_security_assessor_program-isa_validation_requirements.pdf

To register, please review the details in the education section on the PCI SSC website at https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/education/isa_training.shtml.

Attendance fees are:
Non Participating Organization $2,495 USD per person
Participating Organization $1,495 USD per person

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. For more information on the PCI Security Standards Council, please visit www.pcisecuritystandards.org

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