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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL INVITES INDUSTRY TO SELECT FOCUS AREAS FOR 2013 SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- SIG submission period opens early with enhanced web form to streamline proposal process for PCI community -

WAKEFIELD, **Mass**., May 24, 2012—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 new details on participating in 2013 Special Interest Group (SIG) Projects. Open to Participating Organizations and assessors, the submission period will start June 1, 2012 to provide SIG proposers more time to prepare for the PCI Community Meetings. A new enhanced web form will also help streamline the submission process.

PCI Special Interest Groups leverage the expertise of more than 600 Participating Organizations and assessors and provide a vehicle for incorporating their ideas and input into the work of the Council. SIGs focus on addressing the need for additional guidance and providing clarification or improvements to the PCI Standards and the programs that support them. SIGs are not limited to technical matters but may focus on any area that supports the mission of the PCI Security Standards Council and benefits the PCI community.

Results of SIG collaboration and PCI community participation to date include, EMV, wireless, virtualization and tokenization. 2012 projects focus on cloud computing, ecommerce, and risk assessment, with each scheduled to deliver guidance to market by year's end. More information on each group can be found on the SIG page of the PCI SSC website.

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Starting June 1, the Council invites Participating Organizations and assessors to complete the 2013 SIG proposal form and submit directly via the web at: https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/get_involved/special_interest_groups.php The enhanced web form clarifies the information needed to assess the proposed SIG topic, including details on SIG objectives, participants, deliverables and market need.

With the proposal period moved a month earlier from last year to provide more time for SIG proposers to be notified and prepare for the Community Meetings, it will now conclude on July 31, 2012. At this time the PCI Council will review and create a shortlist of proposed SIGs to be presented by POs and assessors to their peers at the Community Meetings. The Council will then notify these groups and work with them create a SIG charter prior to the Community Meeting presentation, to ensure POs have a clear understanding of the suggested topic and deliverables.

In November, POs will have the opportunity to vote in the SIG election, choosing up to 3 projects they would like to pursue in the coming year.

"SIGs are a great example of how the PCI community works together to continually evolve Council programs to meet stakeholder needs," said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. "Last year, based on community feedback we introduced a new process for forming and managing SIGs. We're very pleased with how this process has been received, and now we're making some additional tweaks to make it as easy as possible for folks to get involved and play a part in the Council's work in the year ahead. I encourage everyone to consider participating in the 2013 SIG process."

Participating Organizations and assessors are also invited to attend a webinar to aid them in the 2013 SIG submission process:

To register for the Thursday, June 7, 2012 session click:
http://register.webcastgroup.com/L4/?wid=0557685984
To register for the Monday, June 11, 2012 session click:
http://register.webcastgroup.com/L4/?wid=0557685985

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 Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc., the Council has over 600 Participating Organizations representing merchants, banks, processors and vendors worldwide. To learn more about playing a part in securing payment card data globally, please visit: http://pcisecuritystandards.org.

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