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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE TRAINING IN BRAZIL

— New Brazilian partner organization to offer high quality instructor-led PCI training in local language —

WAKEFIELD, Mass., October 2, 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 a new partnership to offer local language PCI training in Brazil.

Organizations in Brazil can now benefit from increased understanding of PCI Standards through high quality instructor-led training in Portuguese, as well as save time and money on international travel.

The PCI Security Standards Council will partner with [Antebellum](#), a leading Brazilian IT training provider, to deliver instructor-led courses for the [Internal Security Assessor](#) (ISA) program and the [PCI Awareness](#) class. All materials and discussions in the classroom will be facilitated in Portuguese. Antebellum's Fernando Fonseca, an IT education professional with over 15 years of security experience will deliver the training. Fonseca founded Antebellum in 1997 to offer high quality training services in the technology space, working with major companies such as HP, Microsoft and Modulo.

The Council's popular Internal Security Assessor course can help organizations build expert payment security staff and:

- ◆ Improve understanding of PCI DSS and how it can help protect customer data and improve business risk assessment

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- ◆ Help an organization build internal expertise and assess their compliance with PCI standards
- ◆ Facilitate interaction with a Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) for an organization
- ◆ Enhance payment card data security and manage compliance costs
- ◆ Earn continuing education credits

[PCI Awareness](#) training is an entry-level course that outlines challenges surrounding payment card security, explains how PCI Standards can help mitigate risk and provides the tools to build a secure payments environment.

The Council has received strong feedback from previous training attendees on the benefits of attending PCI training classes in person, with great value placed on peer and case study discussion. Attendees cite the ability to interface with expert instructors and get questions answered in a supportive learning environment as major drivers for choosing instructor-led training.

The first Portuguese language ISA training is scheduled for Sao Paulo on November 12-13 on Avenida Paulista in the heart of Sao Paulo's financial district. Anyone interested in learning more about this training should contact Antebellum directly at cursos@antebellum.com.br. Parties may also contact the PCI Security Standards Council for more information on training programs at administration@pcisecuritystandards.org, or by visiting the Council's [website](#).

"Education is a critical driver of payment security, and the Council is committed to expanding PCI training opportunities globally," said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. "We're pleased to announce our first international training partnership and excited to partner with Antebellum, an organization with deep knowledge of PCI Standards."

"The availability of this training locally presents an exciting new opportunity for Brazilian companies who take security seriously," said Fernando Fonseca, education director, Antebellum Corp. "ISA training is an excellent way for merchants, service providers and acquirers who are required to comply with PCI Standards to build internal expertise and to improve on the cost and quality of their PCI assessment experience. Antebellum is

proud to be the first international training partner of the PCI Security Standards Council.”

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: pcisecuritystandards.org.

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About Antebellum

Antebellum is a Brazilian company, specialized in information security training. Founded in 1997, Antebellum operates exclusively as a provider of information security content, developing training material for some of the largest security companies in Brazil. A team of highly-qualified security professionals developed the Antebellum Security Curriculum and formed international partnerships to bring high level trainings to Brazil.

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