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PCI COMMUNITY MEETING ATTRACTS REGIONAL EXPERTS TO SHAPE FUTURE OF PAYMENT SECURITY IN EUROPE

— Industry stakeholders discuss security best practices, training updates and Special Interest Groups direction at PCI Security Standards Council's Dublin event —

WAKEFIELD, Mass., October 26, 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 the successful completion of the 2012 PCI European Community Meeting in Ireland.

This year's event brought together a growing number of leading financial institutions, retailers, associations, payment stakeholders and security experts to Dublin to drive awareness among Irish and European businesses of the importance of payment security and help guide the implementation and evolution of the PCI Standards.

"This is an exciting time to be in Europe, and specifically here in Ireland, as we are seeing a greater awareness of data security issues and collaboration across industries to leverage new technologies like cloud computing in a secure manner, said PCI SSC European Director, Jeremy King. "We rely on the cross-industry expertise of our members, as well as the unique regional perspective of our European community to help us continue to develop strong global standards for payment security."

Participants at the PCI Community Meeting gained insights into the payment and technology landscape from Council experts, as well as regional perspectives from Fachtna Murphy, chairman of the Irish Payment Services Organization and former commissioner An Garda Síochána, Ireland's police force. Attendees also had the opportunity to hear the latest updates on the standards and provide feedback, and

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discuss PCI guidance documents and program updates on focus areas including mobile payment acceptance security, PCI DSS and EMV, and point-to-point encryption.

With strong involvement from a number of European organizations, the Council's PCI Special Interest Groups (SIGs) were a big focus at this year's meeting. The Council forms these groups each year on subjects nominated by Participating Organizations and produces guidance to assist with payment card security. Past SIGs focused on point-to-point encryption, virtualization, cloud and ecommerce security.

The 2013 SIG proposals were presented to attendees in Dublin on areas including: PCI DSS guidance for issuers; cardholder data discovery; external penetration testing; internal scanning and vulnerability management; third party security assurance; best practices for maintaining PCI compliance; and guidance on logging.

The SIG election to determine the focus areas for 2013 SIGs will take place October 29 – November 09. The Council urges Participating Organizations to participate in this election by visiting the PO portal, where they can access all details of each proposal. Results will be shared at the end of November, with SIGs to formally commence in January 2013.

Participants of the Dublin Community Meeting also flocked to hear additional information on the Council's Payment Card Industry Professional (PCIP)™ and Qualified Integrators and Resellers (QIR) programs, each newly introduced this year.

"At the request of our constituents, the Council continues to create new education, training and certification programs. We've already had more than 700 individuals sign up for PCIP and QIR since August," said King. "This demand illustrates the tremendous value organizations place on education as part of the security process."

A complete list of certifications and training programs may be found at https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/training/index.php.

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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