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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES PENDING CLOSE TO FEEDBACK PERIOD

— Organizations are asked to contribute to the evolution of the PCI Data Security Standard and Payment Application Data Security Standard —

WAKEFIELD, Mass., March 28, 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 called upon its global constituents to submit feedback for development of the next version of the DSS and PA-DSS. As part of the three-year lifecycle for standards development, the official feedback period, which opened in November 2011, will be closing on April 15, 2012.

To make it even easier to submit feedback, the process has been streamlined and simplified, with a readily accessible tool that can be accessed online at https://programs.pcissc.org/.

"Feedback is the lifeblood of the standards development process," said Bob Russo, general manager of the Council. "We've had great participation so far, but we want to ensure that the standards continue to be the most effective set of best practices against payment data breaches. We can only evolve these best practices through the experience and feedback of our stakeholders."

PCI stakeholders from around the globe are invited to submit feedback by April 15. Worldwide feedback is significant as the PCI standards are global in their jurisdiction. In

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the Council's last feedback cycle, more than 50 percent of input came from outside the United States.

Feedback submissions will be grouped into three categories - Clarifications, Additional Guidance and Evolving Requirements - and shared for discussion with Participating Organizations and the assessment community at the 2012 PCI Community Meetings. For more information, please visit https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/communitymeeting/2012/.

Please email support@pcisecuritystandards.org for assistance with credentials or with any questions on using the feedback tool.

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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