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PCI COUNCIL TO HOST ACQUIRER FORUM AT TRANSACT15

—Acquirers and processors invited to discuss payment security solutions for merchant community—

WAKEFIELD, Mass., 05 March 2015— Today the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) announced it will convene acquirers and processors to collaborate on payment security solutions for the merchant community. The Acquirer Forum will take place on 2 April alongside [TRANSACT15](#), the Electronic Transaction Association's (ETA) marquee global payment technology event in San Francisco.

Acquirers, or members of financial institutions that process transactions paid for by payment cards, supply payment to the retailer and notify the card issuer of the debt incurred by the purchaser, are invited to attend the half-day meeting to discuss current payment security challenges, PCI initiatives, and opportunities for cross-industry collaboration.

Guest speaker Special Agent In Charge Stuart J. Tryon from the U.S. Secret Service will provide insights on fraud trends and data breaches, and PCI Council staff will address topics including:

- Solutions for organizations to take advantage of EMV chip, tokenization, point-to-point encryption and other technologies as part of a layered security approach in current and emerging payment channels
- Small and medium business (SMB) security challenges
- Secure Socket Layer (SSL) exploits and impact on PCI DSS compliance and payment security efforts

“Acquirers and payment processors are an integral part of the work we’re doing to secure payment transactions globally,” said PCI SSC General Manager Stephen W. Orfei. “As we put merchants front and center with standards, solutions and best practices that they can use to reduce risk and simplify payment security efforts, we are excited to team up with the acquirer community and leverage its expertise and payment technology innovations.”

For more information and to register to attend the PCI Acquirer Forum, please visit: <http://training.pcisecuritystandards.org/acquirer-forum>

ETA and PCI have partnered to offer an exclusive PCI Participating Organization discount for first time TRANSACT15 attendees. For more information, please email: AcquirerForum@pcisecuritystandards.org.

“Data breach and payments security are the two most important merchant issues today, and TRANSACT attendees now have one-stop access to information on new security technology,” said ETA CEO Jason Oxman. “We are thrilled that hundreds of PCI Participating Organizations can access TRANSACT 15 thanks to this new partnership.”

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, JCB International, MasterCard and Visa Inc., the Council has 700 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. Connect with the PCI Council on [LinkedIn](#). Join the conversation on Twitter [@PCISSC](#).