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## PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF ADVISORS

— *Representatives from across payment chain can help shape next generation of data security standards*—

**WAKEFIELD**, Mass, Jan. 20, 2009 —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 Entry Device (PED) Security Requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS), today announced that nominations for election to the PCI SSC Board of Advisors are now open.

The Board of Advisors will represent the current roster of more than 500 PCI SSC Participating Organizations and will provide strategic and technical guidance to the Council, reflecting the varied perspectives of different global stakeholders. The Council views this input as critical to the ongoing enhancement of PCI SSC security standards. As a worldwide organization managing a global standard, the Council desires representation from EMEA, North America, Latin America and Asia Pacific to reflect the global nature of card data security threats.

“The caliber of discussion and recommendations from the Board these past two years has provided us with critical feedback for the ongoing enhancement of our security standards,” said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. “We encourage all those involved in the payment process to become a Participating Organization and consider an elevated board position to continue shaping the next generation of PCI security standards.”

To generate a broad range of input from across a variety of stakeholders, 21 seats are available on the PCI SSC Board of Advisors, 14 of which will be open for nomination by current PCI SSC Participating Organizations. A further 7 will be appointed by the PCI SSC Executive Committee to ensure broad representation both geographically and across key stakeholder groups.

In order to capture relevant feedback from all parties involved in the payment process, the Council is encouraging diverse representation on the Board of Advisors, by both industry focus and region. To that end, elected seats will be distributed in categories as follows: financial institutions, processors, merchants, and others (point of sale (POS) vendors, industry associations, etc).

The nomination process has been communicated to Participating Organizations. Organizations interested in becoming a participating organization may obtain more information at <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/participation/join.shtml>

The Board of Advisors is elected every two years. The 21 organizations serving on the board since 2007 include: APACS, the U.K. Payments Association, Bank of America, British Airways, Chase Paymentech, Citibank NA, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, EPC, ExxonMobil, First Data Corp., Interac, JP Morgan Chase and Co., McDonalds Corp., Microsoft, Moneris Solutions Corp., PayPal, Royal Bank of Scotland, Servicios Electronicos Globales S.A.De C.V, Tesco Stores Ltd., TSYS Acquiring Solutions, VeriFone, Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

**For More Information:**

For more information on the PCI Security Standards Council, please visit [www.pcisecuritystandards.org](http://www.pcisecuritystandards.org) or contact the PCI SSC Secretariat for any questions or concerns regarding the Board of Advisors nomination or election process at [secretariat@pcisecuritystandards.org](mailto:secretariat@pcisecuritystandards.org).

**About the PCI Security Standards Council**

The mission of the PCI Security Standards Council is to enhance payment account security by driving education and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard and other standards that increase payment data security.

The PCI Security Standards Council was formed by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc. to provide a transparent forum in which all stakeholders can provide input into the ongoing development, enhancement and dissemination of the PCI Data Security Standard (DSS), PIN Entry Device (PED) Security Requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS). Merchants, banks, processors and other vendors are encouraged to join as participating organizations.

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