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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF ADVISORS

— Stakeholders worldwide encouraged to represent their industries during standards implementation and feedback periods —

WAKEFIELD, Mass., January 27**,** 2011 — 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 that nominations for election to the 2011-2013 PCI SSC Board of Advisors are now open.

The incoming Board of Advisors will represent the current roster of more than 600 PCI SSC Participating Organizations and will provide strategic and technical input to the Council, reflecting the varied perspectives of a diverse set of global stakeholders. The Council views this input as critical to the ongoing enhancement of PCI Standards. In addition to advising on standards development, the Board of Advisors plays an important role in bringing frontline feedback and ideas to PCI SSC management; leading Special Interest Groups (SIGs); and helping the Council fulfill its mission to raise awareness and adoption of PCI Standards. As a global organization, representation from EMEA, North America, Latin America and Asia Pacific on the Board of Advisors helps reflect a diversity of experiences and perspectives on the protection of cardholder data against security threats worldwide.

"Over the past two years, our previous Board has provided us with a wide range of perspectives, advice and actionable feedback. Many of the tools and resources you see from PCI SSC today, such as the Internal Security Assessor (ISA) training program, the Prioritized Approach and the Wireless Guidelines Informational Supplement, were developed with the Board's ideas and input," said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI

Security Standards Council. "I'd like to thank the outgoing Board and to invite all Participating Organizations to consider running for a seat to share their unique industry viewpoints."

To generate a broad range of input across a variety of stakeholders, 21 seats are available on the PCI SSC Board of Advisors, 14 will be open for nomination by current PCI SSC Participating Organizations. An additional seven will be appointed by the PCI SSC Executive Committee to ensure broad representation both geographically and across key stakeholder groups. To that end, elected seats will be distributed in the following categories: financial institutions (acquirers and issuers), payment processors, merchants (e.g. retailers, airlines) and others (e.g. technology vendors, industry associations, service providers). Only Participating Organizations are eligible to nominate and elect the Board of Advisors. Companies interested in becoming a Participating Organization may obtain more information at https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/participation/join.shtml.

The nominations process opens on Thursday, January 27, 2011. Participating Organizations interested in serving on the Board of Advisors are invited to self nominate one representative from their company. In order to do so they must provide a short description of the company's payment card industry participation and information regarding why the company should be elected to the Board of Advisors. This information should be submitted via the nomination form accessed through the Participating Organization portal. The nominations process, which closes on Friday, February 25, will be followed by a voting period from mid-March to early April in which Participating Organizations can vote for their representatives for the next two year term. The new Board of Advisors will be announced in early May 2011.

"Barclaycard's term on the Board of Advisors has been a great experience for me and my organization," said Neira Jones, head of payment security, Global Payment Acceptance, and Barclaycard. "We have worked closely with the Council on a number of payment card industry issues, chaired a Special Interest Group and written papers which have been of great benefit to our key stakeholders. I encourage other organizations and payment security experts to actively participate in the Council to secure the payment value chain by getting involved in the Board of Advisors nomination process."

The Board of Advisors is elected every two years. Organizations serving on the Board since 2009 include: Bank of America Merchant Services, Banrisul S.A., Barclaycard, Chase Paymentech, Cisco, Citrix Systems, EPC, ExxonMobil, First Data Corp., Global Payments, JP Morgan Chase and Co., Lufthansa Systems, McDonalds Corp., MICROS Systems, PayPal, Royal Bank of Scotland, Tesco Stores Ltd., TSYS Acquiring Solutions, VeriFone, Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

The PCS SSC also invites Participating Organizations to attend a Council open mic providing an overview of the Board of Advisors election process from General Manager Bob Russo, followed by a live Q&A session with opportunities to address the PCI SSC.

This session is open to Participating Organizations only. For more information on becoming a PO, please visit the Get Involved page at: https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/get_involved/index.php.

For More Information:
For more information on the PCI Security Standards Council, please visit www.pcisecuritystandards.org or contact the PCI SSC Secretariat for any questions regarding the Board of Advisors nomination or election process at 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 Transaction Security (PTS) 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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