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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2013 PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Board of Advisors nominations and Special Interest Groups kick off; dates set for PCI Community Meetings -

WAKEFIELD, Mass., January 17, 2013- Today the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC), an open, global forum for the development of payment card security standards, invites the PCI community to participate in the 2013-2015 Board of Advisors election process, new PCI Special Interest Groups (SIG) and the 2013 PCI Community Meetings. As an industry standards body, the PCI Council relies on the involvement of more than 650 Participating Organizations representing the global payments community to drive the ongoing development of strong technical standards and resources for card security.

PCI Board of Advisors Nominations

This year, the Council will seat a new Board of Advisors, 21 individuals that represent the PCI community by providing counsel and strategic and technical input to SSC leadership. The nomination period opens January 27, running through February 25. A voting period will follow on March 7-April 5, and the board will be formally seated in May to serve a two-year term. Any Participating Organization can self-nominate by putting forward one representative through the application form on the [PO portal](#).

"As a global organization, representation from EMEA, North America, Latin America and Asia Pacific on the Board of Advisors is critical for understanding and addressing the challenges in protecting cardholder data worldwide. We're pleased to have had such a diverse mix of perspectives and expertise from the outgoing board, whose feedback and advice has been instrumental in the Council's ongoing efforts to address key issues such as mobile payment acceptance security, and proper installation of payment applications through the new Qualified Integrators and Resellers (QIR) program," said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. "I'd like to thank those who've served in this capacity and encourage Participating Organizations to play a leadership role in driving payment security forward by running for the Board of Advisors."

Twenty-one 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, and 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).

For more information on the Board of Advisors, please visit:

https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/organization_info/board-of-advisors.php

2013 PCI Special Interest Groups (SIG)

Special Interest Groups are PCI community-led projects that address specific areas or security challenges in relation to the PCI Standards.

Through the SIG election process, the Participation Organization community selected Third Party Security Assurance and Best Practices for Maintaining PCI DSS Compliance as the two projects to pursue in 2013.

The SIGs will kick off their meetings starting this week. Participating Organizations and members of the assessment community interested in joining a SIG can read more information about the goals and charter for each group and sign up online:

https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/get_involved/special_interest_groups.php

2013 Annual PCI Community Meetings

The Annual PCI Community Meetings provide the opportunity for global leaders representing a breadth of industries and geographies to come together and discuss the latest updates and challenges in payment card security.

This year the Council will add to its two regular North America and European Community Meetings with a third one in the APAC region. The dates and locations for the meetings are as follows:

North America, September 24-26, 2013
Mandalay Bay Convention Center
Las Vegas, NV

Europe, October 29-31, 2013
Nice Acropolis
Nice, France

Asia-Pacific, November 20, 2013
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

More details will be available soon on the PCI SSC website. Companies interested in sponsorship can contact: cmsponsorship@pcisecuritystandards.org

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:

<http://pcisecuritystandards.org>.

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