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## PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES OPENING OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP PROPOSAL PERIOD

— PCI community invited to select focus areas for 2014—

**WAKEFIELD**, Mass., 31 May 2013 — Today [the PCI Security Standards Council \(PCI SSC\)](#), an open, global forum for the development of payment card security standards announced the start of the PCI Special Interest Group ([SIG](#)) proposal period for 2014 projects. Beginning 1 June through 25 July PCI Participating Organizations and members of the assessment community can submit ideas by filling out the online form on the SSC [website](#).

Special Interest Groups are PCI community-led initiatives that address specific areas or security challenges in relation to the PCI Standards. Results of SIG collaboration and PCI community participation to date include: [EMV](#), [wireless](#), [virtualization](#), [tokenization](#), [risk assessment](#), [e-commerce](#) and [cloud computing](#) guidance papers. Current SIG projects focus on *Third Party Security Assurance* and *Best Practices for Maintaining PCI DSS Compliance*. These groups will present updates at the annual [PCI Community Meetings](#) before publishing deliverables by early 2014.

“The real value in Special Interest Groups is that they are driven by the community at large. The ideas come from those who are living and breathing payment card security every day, representing a variety of industries and job functions,” said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. “Some of our most useful resources are products of these groups’ work. I’m excited to see what the community decides to explore in the coming year.”

At the close of the submission period on 25 July, the PCI Council will review and consolidate the list of proposals to be presented by POs and assessors to their peers at the Community Meetings. The Council will then notify the candidates and work with them to create a SIG charter prior to the Community Meeting presentation, ensuring POs have a clear understanding of the suggested topic and deliverables. In November, POs will have the opportunity to vote in the SIG election, choosing up to three projects they would like the community and Council to pursue in partnership over the coming year.

### **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 more than 650 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](http://pcisecuritystandards.org).

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