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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL OPENS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP PROPOSAL PERIOD

— PCI Participating Organizations and assessors invited to select focus areas for 2015 —

WAKEFIELD, Mass., 02 June 2014 — 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 2015 projects. Beginning today through 07 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 SIGs focus on third party security assurance and best practices for maintaining PCI DSS compliance and will publish guidance shortly.

“In addition to the formal standards development lifecycle, Special Interest Groups provide another way for the PCI community to provide relevant updates and valuable resources to help merchants and others in their payment security efforts,” said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. “Securing payments today and in the future is a shared responsibility. We need those across the payment chain to get involved in these projects as a critical part of improving the protection of payment card data globally.”

At the close of the submission period on 07 July, the PCI Council will review and consolidate the list of proposals to be presented by Participating Organizations and assessors to their peers at the 2014 North America and European [Community Meetings](#). The Council will then notify the candidates and work with them to create a SIG charter prior to the Community Meeting presentations. In November, Participating Organizations will vote in the SIG election to choose the 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 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.

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