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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2016 SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ELECTION RESULTS

—Best Practices for Safe E-Commerce selected as priority issue
by PCI community for 2016—

WAKEFIELD, Mass., 10 December 2015 — Today the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council (PCI SSC), a global forum for the development of payment card security standards, announced the election results for its 2016 Special Interest Group (SIG) project. Special Interest Groups are community-led initiatives that address important security challenges related to PCI Security Standards. One new Special Interest Group is selected every year, but groups may run for more than 12 months in order to complete the agreed-upon goals.

PCI member organizations, including merchants, financial institutions, service providers and associations, voted on five proposed Special Interest Group topics submitted by their peers. The winning topic selected for 2016 was, “Best Practices for Safe E-Commerce.”

More information about the previous 11 PCI Security Standards Council’s Special Interest Group documents can be found on the [PCI SSC website](#).

The new Special Interest Group is slated to kick off in January 2016. The Council invites PCI member organizations and assessors interested in getting involved in this SIG project to [register](#) on the PCI SSC website by 4 January 2016.

“The community chose from among five strong proposals, so it was certainly not an easy decision,” said Jeremy King, International Director, PCI SSC. “We are encouraged by how many Participating Organizations were involved in the submission and election process this year. SIGs continue to be an excellent vehicle for putting their expertise to work to improve payment card security globally.”

Special Interest Groups continue to be critical forums for industry participation in payment security initiatives. In January 2016, two existing SIGs expect to publish guidance on “Effective Daily Log Monitoring” and “Managing Shared Responsibilities with Third Party Service Providers.” Past SIG contributions include guidance on topics such as penetration testing, cloud computing, wireless security, EMV chip and point-to-point encryption. To access these resources, please visit:

<https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org>.

About the PCI Security Standards Council

The [PCI](#) Security Standards Council is a 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 700 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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