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PCI ANNOUNCES CALL FOR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP PROJECT PROPOSALS

— The Council Aims To Make Complex Payment Card Security Topics More Accessible With Special Interest Groups Program —

WAKEFIELD, Mass., 02 June 2015 — Today the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) announced the start of its Special Interest Group ([SIG](#)) proposal period for 2016 projects. Beginning today through 30 June 2015, members of the PCI community can submit proposed ideas by completing a [simple form](#) on the PCI SSC website.

Payment security is an evolving and sometimes complicated venture for many organizations. The Council developed Special Interest Groups to help clarify elements of the PCI Data Security Standard. Organizations participating in Special Interest Groups bring front line experience to the PCI Council that ultimately translates into new, improved payment data security resources. Previous SIG deliverables include guidance papers on a variety of vital subjects, such as: [penetration testing](#), [security awareness](#), [maintaining compliance](#), [third-party security](#), [EMV](#), [wireless](#), [virtualization](#), [risk assessment](#), and [cloud computing](#).

“Our charge with Special Interest Group projects is to identify and demystify particularly challenging areas in the payment security process,” said Stephen W. Orfei, General Manager of PCI Security Standards Council. “The Data Security Standard offers a framework to secure payment card data, but the next step for us as an industry is to work towards making these tools more accessible to every organization that processes payment cards. Special Interest Groups are one important way we are accomplishing that.”

At the close of the submission period on 30 June, the PCI Council will review and consolidate proposals, which will be presented by Participating Organizations and assessors in video format on the PCI SSC website and at the 2015 [Community Meetings](#). In November, Participating Organizations will vote to select the Special Interest Group project they would like the community and Council to pursue over the coming year. The Council will then notify the winning candidate(s) and work with them to create a Special Interest Group charter prior to the commencement of the new group.

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, JCB International, MasterCard and Visa Inc., the Council has 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: pcisecuritystandards.org. Connect with the PCI Council on [LinkedIn](#). Join the conversation on Twitter [@PCISSC](#).

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