

Silver Lining to Partner with PCI Security Standards Council to Improve Payment Data Security Worldwide

— As Council's newest Participating Organization Silver Lining to contribute to the development of PCI Security Standards—

Whiteley, Hampshire, March 13 2017 — Silver Lining, converged IT and telecoms provider, announced today that it has joined the [PCI Security Standards Council](#) as a new [Participating Organization](#). Silver Lining will work with the Council to achieve and improve payment data security worldwide through the ongoing development of the PCI Security Standards, including the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard ([PCI DSS](#)), PIN Transaction Security ([PTS](#)) requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard ([PA-DSS](#)).

Endorsed by American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc., the PCI Security Standards require merchants and service providers that store, process or transmit customer payment card data to adhere to information security controls and processes that ensure data protection – not just once a year, but as part of a business-as-usual security posture. To enhance payment data security globally while embracing new technologies as they are developed, the Council relies on involvement of those across the payments processing chain, from merchants and service providers to payment device manufacturers and software developers, financial institutions and processors.

As a Participating Organization, Silver Lining adds its voice to the standards setting process and will receive previews of drafts of standards and supporting materials in order to provide feedback to shape their final versions, as well as engage a growing community of more than 700 organizations united to improve payment security worldwide.

Silver Lining will also have the opportunity to recommend new initiatives for consideration to the PCI Security Standards Council, participate in exclusive webinars and question and answer sessions with Council representatives, and review and discuss new versions of the PCI Security Standards while sharing cross-sector experiences and best practices at the annual Community Meetings.

“In an era of increasingly sophisticated attacks on systems, adhering to the PCI DSS represents an entity's best protection against network security threats and data breaches,” said Stephen W. Orfei, General Manager of the PCI Security Standards Council. “By joining as a Participating Organization, Silver Lining demonstrates they are playing an active part in mitigating the threats and improving the security of the payment chain globally by driving the security standards to higher levels of adoption and strength.”

“We are thrilled to be able to provide input into PCI-DSS policy-making moving forward; as membership of the Council grows, so too will card payment security around the globe.”

Allan Packer, Managing Director, Silver Lining

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, 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: www.pcisecuritystandards.org.

Connect with the PCI Council on [LinkedIn](#). Join the conversation on Twitter [@PCISSC](#).

Silver Lining is a professional IT service provider who can offer the very best in business IT, telecommunications, data and mobile solutions. It is our mission to ensure improved efficiency, reduced running costs and the flexibility to easily upgrade as your business grows.

We work alongside you to provide a solution which truly meets and exceeds your business needs. Whether it's business broadband, telephone systems, IT infrastructure, business mobiles, or just a memorable phone number – we are here to help.

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