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**Adams Harris has been certified as a Qualified Security Assessor by the PCI Security Standards Council**

Chicago, IL (April 14, 2011) - Adams Harris is pleased to announce that it has been certified as a Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Security Standards Council (SSC).

The PCI SSC is an open global forum that is responsible for the ongoing development, enhancement, dissemination, and implementation of security standards for payment cardholder account data. The PCI Security Standards Council's mission is to enhance payment account data security by driving education and awareness of the PCI Security Standards, which include the Data Security Standard (DSS), Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS), and PIN-Entry Device (PED) Requirements.

The PCI Security Standards Council maintains a structured process for security solution providers to become Approved Scanning Vendors (ASVs) and an in-depth program for security companies seeking to become Qualified Security Assessors (QSAs). In addition, companies that join as Participating Organization members of the PCI Security Standards Council may identify themselves as a Participating Organization.

"We will apply our existing model – highly skilled resources at affordable prices to our new PCI Practice," said Maurice Liddell, National Practice Leader – Technology at Adams Harris. "We are excited about our certification and look forward to opportunities to not only service our markets, but wherever there is a need."

**About the PCI Security Standards Council**

The PCI SSC was formed by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc. to provide a transparent forum in which all stakeholders can provide input into the ongoing development, enhancement and dissemination of the PCI DSS, PIN Transaction Security (PTS) requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS). Merchants, banks, processors and other vendors are encouraged to join as participating organizations. For more information, please visit [www.pcisecuritystandards.org](http://www.pcisecuritystandards.org).

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