Quantum Readiness Summit

Media Kit

Everything you need to cover the summit.

State of Quantum Readiness Summit 2026

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Fact sheet

Event State of Quantum Readiness Summit 2026

Tagline Readiness, audited.

Date Wednesday, December 9, 2026

Location Rosslyn, Arlington, Virginia, across the Potomac from Washington, DC. Venue released to registrants.

Format One day, single track, no parallel sessions. Approximately 200 attendees.

Host The Quantum Core Institute, an independent quantum risk advisory and neutral standards body, and publisher of the free QCI-QS1 governance standard.

In one line The annual convening for the demand side of post-quantum readiness: the institutions that have to migrate, not the vendors that build.

Program Six editorial keynotes, four moderated panels, a curated ecosystem showcase, a closing synthesis, and a networking reception. Government and standards sessions run under Chatham House rules.

Registration quantumreadinesssummit.com/register

Press Complimentary for accredited journalists and analysts, by approval. See the contact block on the final page.

Boilerplate

Use these verbatim. They are the approved descriptions for reuse in articles and listings.

About the Summit (about 100 words)

> **Summit boilerplate**
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> The State of Quantum Readiness Summit is a one-day, single-track convening for the demand side of post-quantum cryptography: the boards, security leaders, regulators, and auditors at the institutions that must migrate before federal and international deadlines. Where most quantum events cover the race to build quantum computers, the Summit convenes the organizations that have to survive them, across banking, credit unions, healthcare, government, and critical infrastructure. Hosted by the Quantum Core Institute, it pairs neutral authorities on standards, supervision, and federal direction with practitioner panels on inventory, examination, counsel, and procurement. Its 2026 edition takes place December 9 in Arlington, Virginia.

About the Quantum Core Institute (about 75 words)

> **QCI boilerplate**
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> The Quantum Core Institute is an independent quantum risk advisory and neutral standards body. It publishes the QCI-QS1 governance standard free of charge, runs the QCI readiness working groups, and convenes the State of Quantum Readiness Summit. QCI sells no product and endorses no vendor, and its main-stage program is editorial and closed to sponsorship. That independence is the reason regulators, security leaders, and standards editors treat its work as a neutral reference.

Note: confirm QCI's legal descriptor before publishing. This copy says "independent" and "neutral," which are accurate regardless of tax status. Add "nonprofit" only if QCI is legally organized as one.

Backgrounder: why this summit, why now

The gap

The quantum industry measures itself with precision. Investment, company counts, revenue, and value at stake are all tracked closely, and every one of those numbers describes the supply side. Almost nobody measures the demand side: whether the institutions that depend on cryptography can show an inventory, an owner, a score, and a plan. The Summit exists to close that gap, and to do it on the record, on schedule, and to a defensible bar.

Why December 2026

The regulatory calendar has hardened, and the deadlines cluster around the event.

- **December 31, 2026.** The European Union’s coordinated post-quantum milestone: every Member State must have a national transition plan and begin migration, reinforced by the January 2026 proposal to write post-quantum cryptography into NIS2.
- **January 1, 2027.** The NSA’s CNSA 2.0 procurement gate: new US national security system acquisitions must support quantum-resistant algorithms.
- **2030 and 2031.** US federal deadlines set by the June 2026 executive orders: high-value systems migrate to post-quantum key establishment by the end of 2030 and digital signatures by the end of 2031.

France’s ANSSI and the UK’s NCSC have published phased transition plans on the same trajectory. The Summit sits three weeks before the EU milestone and the CNSA 2.0 gate, and just behind the US orders.

The angle: readiness, not innovation

There is a natural contrast for coverage. Where recent federal attention has convened industry to build quantum capability, the State of Quantum Readiness Summit convenes the institutions that have to defend against it. One conversation is about the machines. This one is about whether the banks, agencies, and infrastructure operators that everyone relies on can prove they are ready.

Key facts and figures

Who is in the room

Projected composition, based on invitations and confirmed partners.

Segment	Share
Regulators and standards bodies	32%
Bank and insurer CISOs and heads of crypto	24%
Federal and defense program leads	18%
Legal and audit partners	14%
Investors and ecosystem sponsors	12%

The migration, in brief

- The cryptography that protects data, identity, and payments relies on algorithms that quantum computers are expected to break.
- The exposure is present, not only future: data harvested today can be decrypted later, so long-lived secrets are already at risk.
- The final NIST post-quantum standards, FIPS 203, 204, and 205, were published in August 2024. Migration is a multi-year program.
- US federal agencies, financial institutions, and critical-infrastructure operators will replace their cryptographic cores across this decade, with deadlines from 2026 through the mid-2030s.

Approved quotes

Attributable to Bryant Nielson, Chief Executive Officer, Quantum Core Institute. Usable without an interview.

> *"The quantum industry measures everything about itself except whether the institutions depending on it are ready. This summit measures the demand side."*

> *"Every bank, agency, and infrastructure operator will replace its cryptographic core this decade. The question a board should ask is not whether quantum is coming, but whether it can prove it is ready. That proof is what we convene around."*

Leadership

Bryant Nielson, Chief Executive Officer, Quantum Core Institute

One line. Bryant Nielson is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Quantum Core Institute, the neutral standards body behind the State of Quantum Readiness Summit.

Short (about 50 words). Bryant Nielson founded the Quantum Core Institute to measure and govern the demand side of quantum risk. He leads QCI's free QCI-QS1 governance standard and its readiness working groups, and he convenes the State of Quantum Readiness Summit, the annual event for the institutions that must migrate to post-quantum cryptography.

Full (about 150 words). Bryant Nielson is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Quantum Core Institute, an independent quantum risk advisory and neutral standards body. He created QCI on a single premise: the quantum industry measures its own progress in detail, while the institutions that depend on cryptography cannot yet measure their own readiness. Under his leadership, QCI publishes the free QCI-QS1 governance standard, runs the readiness working groups, and convenes the State of Quantum Readiness Summit, the annual demand-side event for the boards, security leaders, regulators, and auditors responsible for post-quantum migration. [Add background: prior roles, sector experience, credentials, and notable prior work.] He speaks and writes on quantum risk governance, cryptographic inventory, and the board-level evidence that regulators now expect.

Brand and visual identity

High-resolution logo and image files accompany this kit as a separate asset set, and will be posted to the summit press page. Please use the marks as provided.

Logos

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Story angles for reporters

Five different stories live inside this one event. Take the one your readers care about, and we are glad to arrange interviews and background for any of them.

For	The angle
Finance desks	The migration is an authentication problem, not only a data one. The payments system runs on digital signatures a quantum-capable adversary can forge.
Community finance	Credit unions face the same deadline as the megabanks with two-person teams. The core-processor dependency decides their timeline.
Security desks	Every readiness framework starts with a cryptographic inventory almost no institution has. The exposure hides in certificates and vendor-held keys.
Governance desks	Boards now receive reports that quantum is a material risk, and most cannot tell whether the answer is credible. A fiduciary story.
Government desks	The June 2026 executive orders set 2030 and 2031 deadlines and reach federal contractors through procurement.

Press FAQ

What makes this different from other quantum events?

Most quantum events cover the supply side, the race to build quantum computers. This one convenes the demand side, the institutions that have to migrate, and it measures readiness rather than machines.

Who is it for?

Boards, security and risk leaders, regulators, and auditors at banks, credit unions, insurers, healthcare systems, government, and critical infrastructure.

What is the neutrality model?

The main-stage program is editorial and closed to sponsorship. Sponsors earn showcase space and panel seats, never keynotes. The QCI-QS1 standard is published free and unbranded.

What can I attribute?

The main stage is on the record where authorized. Government and standards sessions run under Chatham House rules, and attribution of those sessions requires prior authorization.

What does it cost to attend?

Practitioner registration is $1,047 early and $1,495 standard. The Leadership tier is $2,047 early and $2,495 standard, capped at 20 seats. Government, standards, and academic seats are complimentary by verification. Press attend free by approval.

Is there a standard or workbook I can reference?

Yes. QCI publishes the free QCI-QS1 governance standard and the Quantum Readiness Workbook, both available from the Quantum Core Institute.

Speakers

To be added on announcement

Speakers are announced on confirmation. The 2026 program features leaders from federal agencies, standards bodies, academia, and the financial sector. Individual speakers are confirmed on a rolling basis and announced once each participant's clearance is complete.

A speaker fact sheet, with names, titles, session topics, and bios, will be added to this kit at announcement. For the current confirmed lineup, contact the press desk or see the summit program page.

Please do not publish speaker names ahead of the official announcement. Federal participants speak in an educational capacity, and premature publication can affect their agency clearance.

Press contact and access

Media registration

Accredited journalists and analysts attend complimentary, by approval. Request credentials through the registration page or the press desk below.

Ground rules

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