Quantum Readiness Summit

Sponsorship Prospectus

Readiness, audited.

Wednesday, December 9, 2026 · Arlington, Virginia

A neutral, demand-side summit on post-quantum readiness and governance.

Presented by the Quantum Core Institute

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The opportunity

The quantum industry measures itself well. Private investment, company counts, revenue curves, value at stake. Every one of those numbers is tracked to the decimal, and every one describes the supply side.

Almost nobody measures the demand side. The inventories, owners, scores, and board evidence that regulation now requires, and that most institutions cannot yet produce. That gap is why this Summit exists.

The State of Quantum Readiness Summit puts the people accountable for readiness in one room: boards, risk and compliance leaders, and the security executives who now own a post-quantum deadline. For one day, single track, everyone hears everything.

Every other quantum event fills the room with builders. This one fills it with buyers.

Why December, why now

The regulatory calendar just hardened, and the deadlines cluster around the Summit.

- **December 31, 2026.** The European Union's coordinated post-quantum milestone. Every Member State must have a national transition plan and begin migration, now reinforced by the January 2026 proposal to write post-quantum cryptography directly 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. Agencies migrate high-value systems 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, and the EU calls for critical infrastructure to be migrated no later than 2030.

The Summit sits three weeks before the EU milestone and the CNSA 2.0 gate, and just behind the US orders. It is the last governance conference before the calendar turns.

What the Summit is

Role

A neutral convening, hosted by an independent quantum risk advisory and standards body whose standard is free. QCI sells no machine, endorses no vendor, and takes no position a sponsor can buy.

Purpose

Move quantum readiness from optimistic narrative into auditable evidence, then connect the institutions who need help to the firms who can provide it, in a setting neither could manufacture alone.

Format

One day, single room, consecutive sessions. Six editorial keynotes across the morning, a curated ecosystem showcase before lunch, four moderated panels in the afternoon, and a closing synthesis. The day ends with a networking reception, on the record and open to the full room.

The editorial firewall

One rule governs the stage. QCI and invited neutral authorities own the main-stage content. Sponsors never buy a keynote. Sponsors earn showcase space, moderated panel seats, and access to the room.

We protect the stage because a captured stage is worth nothing to the firms standing next to it. The neutrality you sponsor is the asset you are buying.

Who is in the room

Target attendance is 200 for the first year. The composition is engineered for buyer density, not headcount.

- **Institutions and practitioners.** Risk, security, and compliance leaders from credit unions, banks, insurers, healthcare systems, state and local government, and critical infrastructure.
- **The supervisory and public-sector community.** Present on a capped block of complimentary seats, which keeps the content honest and the room credible.
- **Legal and consulting firms.** Sourcing clients across a room that just learned it needs them.
- **Investors, and a curated set of quantum and security vendors.** In the showcase, capped at twelve, so being present means being seen.

Projected room composition

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%**

We price the buyers low and the sellers high on purpose. Most seats hold someone who has to act, not someone who came to sell.

Agenda

Wednesday, December 9, 2026. Single room. Consecutive sessions. Times reflect the published program and finalize with confirmed speakers.

Time	Session	Stage / format
9:00	Welcome and opening thesis: the demand-side gap	Main stage
9:15	Keynote 1 · The standards are finished. Now what?	Main stage
9:45	Keynote 2 · What I actually proved.	Main stage
10:15	Keynote 3 · How close is the threat, honestly.	Main stage
10:45	Break · showcase floor open	Showcase
11:05	Keynote 4 · What migration actually takes.	Main stage
11:35	Keynote 5 · Federal direction and the CBOM.	Main stage
12:05	Keynote 6 · Payments, settlement, authentication.	Main stage
12:35	Ecosystem showcase · lightning round	Showcase
12:45	Lunch · showcase floor open	Showcase
14:05	Panel 1 · The inventory nobody has	Panel
14:40	Panel 2 · What the examiner will ask	Panel
15:15	Break · showcase floor open	Showcase
15:35	Panel 3 · What counsel sees coming	Panel
16:10	Panel 4 · The fifteen-year purchase	Panel
16:45	Closing synthesis and the board agenda	Main stage
17:05	**Reception · on the record, full room**	**Founding-partner host**

What sponsorship delivers

Sponsorship here buys something a trade show cannot sell: proximity to the people who have to act, inside a room built to make them act. Here is the return, in order of value.

1 **Access to buyers you cannot reach elsewhere.** Around 200 risk, security, compliance, and board-level decision-makers from institutions now under a post-quantum deadline. Not builders, not press. The people who sign the engagement. Curated introductions, breaks on the showcase floor, the closing reception, and an opt-in delegate list by role turn presence into pipeline.

2 **The neutrality halo.** Your brand stands beside an independent standards body that sells no product and publishes its standard for free. You are buying association with the referee, not a booth.

3 **A disciplined showcase, not a crowded hall.** The floor is capped at twelve pods. QCI designs the floor: every pod uses the same considered kit, branded to you, so the room reads as curated rather than cluttered, and no sponsor out-shouts another.

4 **Earned authority, not paid airtime.** A moderated panel seat puts your expert in front of buyers as a contributor to the conversation. The editorial firewall is precisely what makes the seat worth having.

5 **Timing.** The Summit sits weeks before the deadlines cluster and just after the US executive orders. Your buyers are in-market now, budgeting for exactly what you sell.

6 **Charter-cohort position.** This is the inaugural edition, tied to QCI's annual State of Quantum Readiness report. Founding and Governance partners lock first right of refusal and their 2027 rate before the room, and the price, grow.

What sponsorship does not include

Stated plainly, because the exclusions are the product. No main-stage keynote. No place in the QCI-QS1 standard or its scoring. No editorial input on program content. No implied endorsement by QCI or any neutral speaker. These limits are what your sponsorship dollars protect.

Sponsorship tiers

Delegate passes, showcase footprint, panel seats, and hospitality scale with tier. The stage does not. Every tier keeps the showcase floor at twelve pods by design.

Benefit	Founding · $50,000	Governance · $25,000	Ecosystem · $12,000	Supporting · $5,000–$7,500
Number available	1 to 2	Up to 4	Up to 6	À la carte
Delegate passes	8	5	3	2
Showcase footprint	Reserved pod, largest, central hall	Pod, central hall	Pod, ecosystem row	Standing table
Named hospitality (host of)	The reception	Lunch	Breakfast	—
Moderated panel seat	Yes, aligned to your practice	Yes, one panel	Consideration, showcase	—
Editorial named asset	Workshop, whitepaper, or tabletop debrief	One named asset	—	Break, Wi-Fi, or lanyard
Private roundtable with QCI editorial	Yes	—	—	—
Ecosystem lightning slot	Extended	Yes	Yes	—
Naming and logo	Founding Partner, top billing	Governance Partner	Logo	Logo listed
Opt-in attendee list	Yes	Yes	—	Yes
Charter: 2027 first refusal and rate lock	Yes	Yes	—	—

> **Year one is the charter cohort.**
> Same price, permanent position. Founding and Governance partners of the first edition lock first right of refusal and their 2027 rate before the room, and the price, grow. You are not buying a discount. You are buying the founding seat.

Editorial neutrality is a policy, not a courtesy. Sponsors earn showcase space, panel seats, and access to the room. The editorial stage stays neutral. Sponsors never buy a keynote. QCI sponsorship charter, Clause 3.

Named hospitality assets

The reception, lunch, and breakfast are included with the Founding, Governance, and Ecosystem tiers. These remaining named moments are available to any sponsor, on their own or added to a tier. A named asset is hospitality, not editorial: signage and a welcome mention, with no speaking role and no stage content.

Asset	What the sponsor gets	Indicative
Networking break (two available)	Named host of a mid-morning or mid-afternoon break on the showcase floor.	**$4,000 each**
Conference Wi-Fi	Network named for the sponsor, with a login splash seen by every attendee.	**$5,000**
Lanyards and badges	Sponsor logo on every attendee lanyard, worn all day.	**$4,000**
Delegate notebook	Logo on the notebook issued to every attendee.	**$3,500**

Attendee pricing

Sponsors fund the day. Paid attendance validates it. We charge the sellers more than the buyers so the room stays full of the people sponsors came to meet.

Tier	Who it is for	Early bird	Standard
Government & Standards	Verified federal, standards-body, and academic-lab attendees. Limited allocation.	**Complimentary**	—
Practitioner	Working engineers and program leads inside end-user organizations. Includes the workbook.	**$1,047**	$1,495
Executive	CISO, CIO, and program owners. Capped at 20. Adds the eve-of-summit dinner, the report early, and a post-summit briefing webinar.	**$2,047**	$2,495
Media	Accredited journalists and analysts. QCI approval required.	**Free**	—
Sponsor pass	Included with sponsor packages.	**Included**	—

Early-bird pricing runs through September 8, 2026. Standard pricing begins September 9, 2026. The Executive tier is capped at 20 seats. Government, standards, and academic seats are complimentary but limited and verified.

The neutrality commitment

Every sponsor relationship is disclosed in the program. The standard stays free and unbranded. The main stage stays editorial.

We hold this line because it is the only thing that separates the Summit from every vendor showcase on the calendar. That difference is the product you are buying.

Reserve your place

Founding Partner positions are limited to two and are allocated first come. The full slate of twelve showcase pods closes when filled. Named hospitality assets are single-sponsor and go quickly.

To reserve a tier, claim a hospitality asset, or request a tailored package, contact the Quantum Core Institute.

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