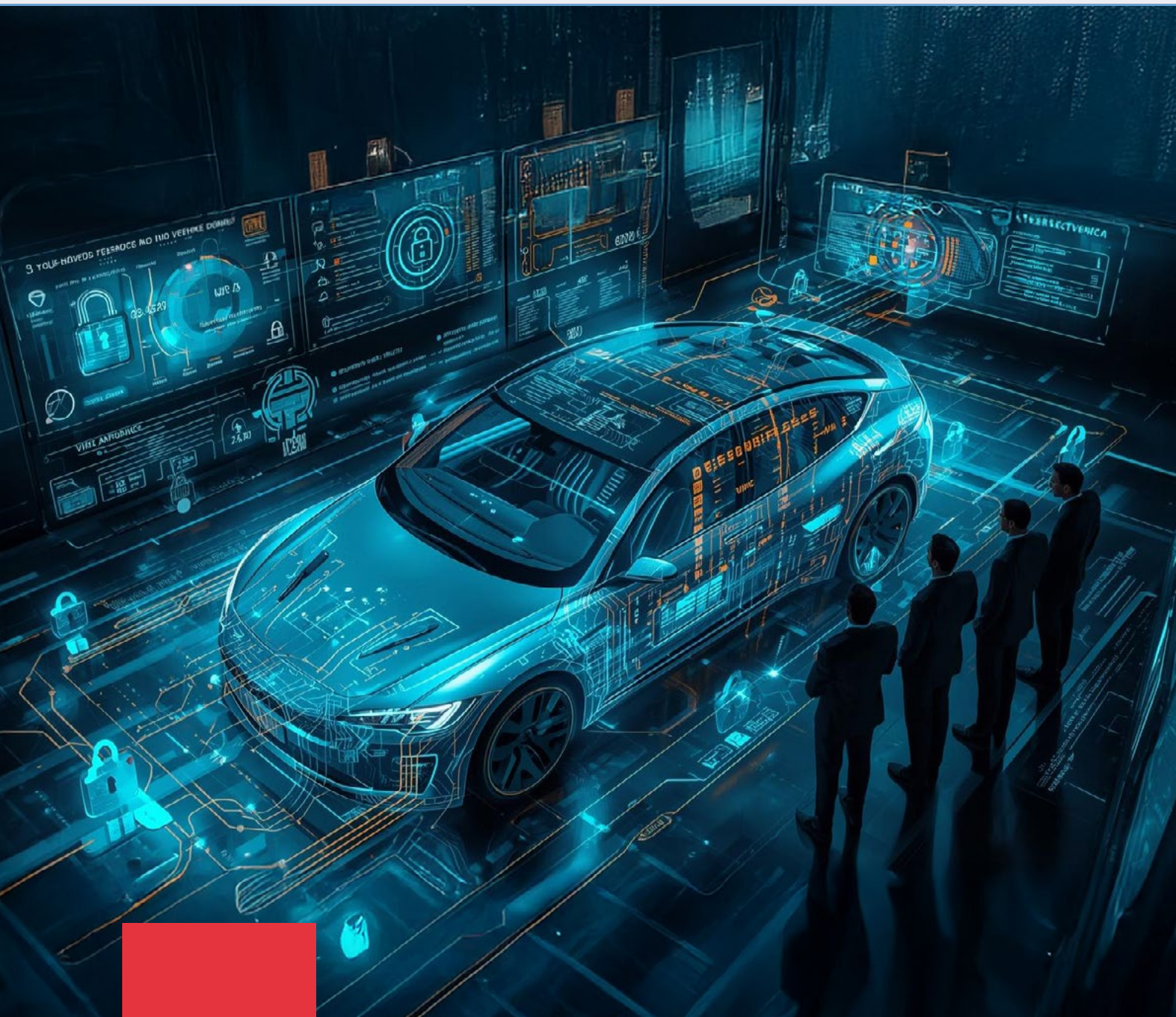


2nd Annual NASPICE Conference 2026

September – 29-30, 2026



Vibe Credit Union Showplace,
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46100 Grand River Ave. Novi, MI 48374



About the Conference

The North American SPICE Conference (NASPICE) is a premier event dedicated to Automotive SPICE®, functional safety, cybersecurity, software quality, and embedded systems engineering. The conference brings together OEMs, Tier suppliers, semiconductor companies, assessors, and engineering professionals to exchange insights on evolving automotive standards, quality practices, and emerging technologies.

NASPICE also serves as a collaborative platform for the North American ASPICE community, including Expert, Principal, Competent, Provisional, and Lead Assessors, along with system, hardware, software, and test engineering teams from the automotive, aerospace, medical device, and semiconductor industries.

Through keynote presentations, technical sessions, Gate4SPICE activities, and standards discussions, attendees gain practical knowledge and real-world perspectives from experienced practitioners and domain experts.

Benefits



Stay Current with ASPICE & Industry Developments

Explore the latest trends, standards, cybersecurity requirements, functional safety practices, and process improvement approaches shaping the industry.



Build Valuable Industry Connections

Network with assessors, OEMs, suppliers, consultants, and engineering professionals from across North America and beyond.



Gain Practical Implementation Insights

Learn from technical case studies, implementation experiences, and expert-led discussions focused on real-world challenges and solutions.



Earn Recognized Certification Experience Evidence

The conference is recognized by INTACS® as active or passive experience evidence (EE-EP, EE-AC) toward Automotive SPICE® Competent and Principal Assessor certification requirements.

Building on the Momentum of NASPICE 2025

The inaugural NASPICE 2025 Conference successfully brought together automotive OEMs, Tier suppliers, assessors, and embedded systems experts from North America, Europe, and Asia for two days of collaboration, technical exchange, and industry advancement. Featuring presentations and workshops from organizations including GM, Stellantis, PACCAR, BorgWarner, DENSO, Bosch, Magna, ZF, and more, NASPICE established itself as a premier platform for Automotive SPICE®, functional safety, cybersecurity, and process excellence.



Event Agenda

Day 1 – Tuesday, September 29th, 2026

Time Zone: EDT	NASPICE		
08:00 – 08:50 AM	Breakfast / Setup		
08:50 – 09:00 AM	General Announcements– Vesna Djordjevic , Omnex		
09:00 – 09:10 AM	NASPICE Conference Opening– Chad Kymal , Organizing Committee Chair		
09:10 – 09:50 AM	Keynote : The Future of Automotive SPICE® – Dealing with AI Agents and Humans Jan Morenzin , Head of VDA QMC certification office for Automotive SPICE – VDA QMC		
09:50 – 10:30 AM	Keynote : Integrated Management Systems in the Software-Defined vehicle era: Addressing the rising cybersecurity challenge Ioana Teodoreanu , Head of Governance Planning – AUMOVIO		
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Networking Coffee Break – Sponsor Passport Stamp Collection There will be designated tables to network with Keynote speakers during the break		
11:00 – 12:05 PM	Presentations – 3 Tracks		
Presentations 3 Tracks	Session A1 – Legacy III–IV	Session B1 – Legacy II	Session C1 – Legacy I
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Integrated Automotive Quality Management System in Memory Storage Industry Nirmal Suresh Pattassery and Srinivas Chatta Kannappa – Sandisk	China Speed. ASPICE Rigor. How Agentic AI Grounded in Process Context Removes the Proving Bottleneck Erik Severinghaus – Bloomfilter & Immanuel Klaiber – Celonis	Data Management SPICE – Because Data Needs a Little Seasoning Thomas Sievers – INTACS
Presentations 3 Tracks	Session A2 – Legacy III–IV	Session B2 – Legacy II	Session C2 – Legacy I
11:35 – 12:05 PM	Leveraging AI for improving Software Quality and Making it more Efficient Krishna M Gopalakrishnan – Texas Instruments	Engineering Trustworthy AI: Integrating ASPICE & ISO 26262 for Assurable ML-Based Vehicle Systems Pooja Chintamaneni – Valeo	ASPICE® Functional Safety Working Group Perspective: Crossing the Bridge Between Automotive SPICE® Assessments and Functional Safety Audits Trapti Saxena – Garmin
12:05 – 01:05 PM	Lunch Break & Exhibition Time – Sponsor Passport Stamp Collection		
01:05 – 01:40 PM	Presentations – 3 Tracks		
Presentations 3 Tracks	Session A3 – Legacy III–IV	Session B3 – Legacy II	Session C3 – Legacy I
01:05 – 01:40 PM	An AI Agent to Perform ASPICE and Functional Safety Work Product Reviews Peter Bovenzi , Florian Reichle & Pavi Balasubramanian – BorgWarner	Reactive Compliance to Predictive Quality: Automating Process Capability Heatmap Using Non-Conformance data Umesh Sambhari – Nexteer	ASPICE as an Enabler: A Structured Approach to Developing the Automotive Vehicle OS Roberto DeAlba Alvarez – Bosch
01:40 – 03:45 PM	Workshops – 3 Tracks		
01:40 – 03:45 PM	Efficiency Through Integration: Exploring a Unified Approach to ASPICE, Functional Safety, and Cybersecurity Assessments Vesna Djordjevic – Omnex and Hidemi Morimoto – AUMOVIO	The Checklist Manifesto: Elevating Engineering Quality, ASPICE Rigor, and AI Prompting Through Intentional Practice Dan Wall – The Wall Group	Accelerating ASPICE Level 3 and Cybersecurity Compliance with a Modern ALM Platform Peter Haller – PTC and Tim Brennan – PDS Vision
03:45 – 04:15 PM	Networking Coffee Break – Sponsor Passport Stamp Collection There will be designated tables to network with Keynote speakers during the break		
04:15 – 04:55 PM	Keynote : From Compliance to Cognition: Knowledge-Based Quality as the Next Frontier of ASPICE. Farhang Farahy , Vice President, Quality – Drivetrain & Morse Systems – BorgWarner		
04:55 – 05:00 PM	Day 1 Conference Closing – Chad Kymal, Organizing Committee Chair		
05:00 – 05:30 PM	Networking Coffee Break – Sponsor Passport Stamp Collection There will be designated tables to network with Keynote speakers during the break		
05:30 – 07:30 PM	Networking Dinner Designated seating for keynotes and speakers as available		

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Event Agenda

Day 2 – Wednesday, September 30th, 2026

Time Zone: EDT		NASPICE		
08:00 – 08:50 AM	Breakfast / Setup			
08:50 – 09:00 AM	General Announcements – Vesna Djordjevic , Omnex			
09:00 – 09:05 AM	NASPICE Conference Opening– Chad Kymal , Organizing Committee Chair			
09:05 – 09:45 AM	Keynote : Ensuring and Strengthening Software Quality Practices Tara Vatcher , Global Senior Vice President – SW Development and Architecture – Platform and Core Application – Stellantis			
09:45 – 10:25 AM	Keynote : Applying AI to Drive Quality and Business Excellence: How IT and Engineering Turned the ASPICE Reviewer into a Production-Ready Enterprise Capability Doug Kulka , CIO – BorgWarner			
10:25 – 11:10 AM	Networking Coffee Break – Sponsor Passport Stamp Collection There will be designated tables to network with Keynote speakers during the break			
11:10 – 11:50 AM	Keynote : Engineering Excellence: ASPICE Is Not the Enemy Patrick Miller , Executive Director of Software Quality Assurance – Ford Motor Company			
11:50 – 12:50 PM	Lunch Break & Exhibition Time – Sponsor Passport Stamp Collection			
12:50 – 02:50 PM	Presentations – 2 Tracks		Workshops – 1 Track	
12:50 – 02:50 PM	Legacy III–IV		Legacy II	
01:00 – 01:30 PM	OTA Software Update Audit/ Certification Guidelines Compliant with International Software Update Standards(ISO 24089) Jihoon Kim – HYUNDAI MOBIS	Beyond Software: Why Hardware SPICE Matters for Automotive Hardware Assurance Subathra Ravi and Siddartha Ragala – ZF Group	Building on ASPICE, Functional Safety, and QMS in Automotive Projects Chad Kymal and Nikhil Unnikrishnan – Omnex	
01:40 – 02:10 AM	Bridging the OEM–Supplier Gap: Fixing What Makes ASPICE Difficult – and How SCOUT Can Do It Right. Neesa Khan – Scout Motors Inc.,	Applying Traceability for In-Cabin Software Shradha Shejul and Senthil Seetharaman – MOBIS North America		
02:20 – 02:50 PM	Agentic AI –An Enabler for Faster, Higher-Quality Embedded Software Development Shreyas Nagaraj – Amazon Web Services (AWS)	Approaches to Memory Safety for Functional Safety Mark Hermeling – AdaCore, Inc.		
02:50 – 03:20 PM	Networking Coffee Break – Sponsor Passport Stamp Collection There will be designated tables to network with Keynote speakers during the break			
03:20 – 04:00 PM	Keynote : Assess, Improve, Inspire – A Future Outlook for the INTACS® Certification Scheme Stephan Müller , Vice President – INTACS e.v.			
04:00 – 04:10 PM	NASPICE 2026 Closing – Chad Kymal , Organizing Committee Chair Best Presentation and Best Workshop Awards will be distributed during the closing. Passport Stamp Program Winners will be announced.			

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Keynote Speakers



DOUG KULKA

CIO – BorgWarner



FARHANG FARAHY

Vice President, Quality – Drivetrain
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Principal – The Wall Group



ERIK SEVERINGHAUS

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**ROBERTO DEALBA ALVAREZ**

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Engineer – MOBIS North America

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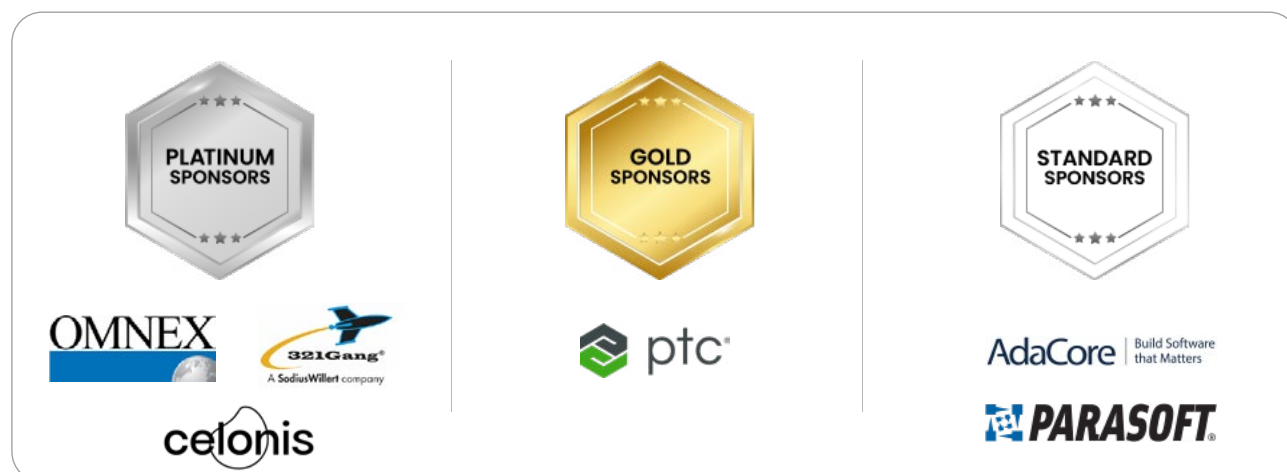
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General Conference Information

September 29 – 30, 2026 | Novi, MI

Participation Fee for the Conference

Participation/Attendee Fee \$ 1,150

The fee includes:

- ✓ A 2-Day Conference
- ✓ Keynotes
- ✓ Workshops and Presentations
- ✓ Workshop summaries
- ✓ Breakfast and Lunch
- ✓ Dinner & Cocktails

Automotive SPICE® Assessor Recognition

All speakers and attendees will receive an official Certificate of Participation that can be submitted as part of your INTACS® experience evidence.

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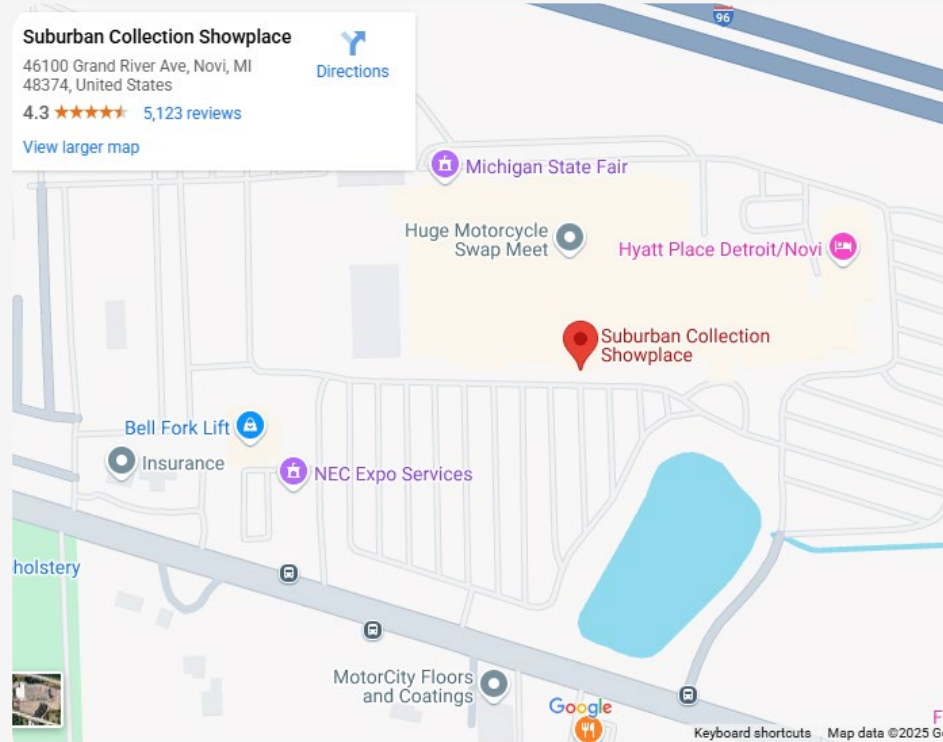
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