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SPE[®] ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PARTS COMPETITION NOMINATIONS FOR 2014 AUTOMOTIVE COMPOSITES CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

TROY (DETROIT), MICH. – The organizing committee for the ***SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Exhibition*** (ACCE) today issued its call for parts competition nominations for the group's fourteenth-annual show, **September 9-11, 2014** in Novi, Mich. in the Detroit suburbs. There will be one winner in each of three categories — *Body Exterior* and *Body Interior* (with each winner selected by members of the SPE ACCE committee), and *People's Choice* (selected by conference attendees) — with winning teams receiving recognition and a trophy during lunch on the last day of the show.

There is no cost to enter the competition. Any registered conference participant (speakers, sponsors/exhibitors, or attendees) may nominate original equipment or aftermarket composite parts on passenger cars or light trucks from any geography. The only requirement is that parts must be on a vehicle available for commercial sale and the OEM must give permission. Nomination instructions will be found at <http://speautomotive.com/comp.htm>. Preliminary descriptions and photos about the application's innovations are due **August 30, 2014** and should be eMailed to ACCEpapers@speautomotive.com . Physical parts must be brought to the SPE ACCE for final review by judges during a formal walk-through at the show.

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About the SPE ACCE

Held annually in suburban Detroit, the ACCE draws over 900 speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, and attendees and provides an environment dedicated solely to discussion and networking about advances in the transportation composites. Its global appeal is evident in the diversity of exhibitors, speakers, and attendees who come to the conference from Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia / Pacific as well as North America. Fully one-third of attendees indicate they work for automotive and light truck, agriculture, truck & bus, or aviation OEMs, and another 25% represent tier suppliers. Attendees also work for composite materials, processing equipment, additives, or reinforcement suppliers; trade associations, consultants, university and government labs; media; and investment bankers. The show has been jointly sponsored by the SPE Automotive and Composites Divisions since 2001. This year's show will be held September 9-11, 2014 at [The Diamond Banquet & Conference Center at the Suburban Collection Showplace](#), 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI 48374. For more information about the SPE ACCE, see <http://speautomotive.com/comp.htm>, or <http://specomposites.com>, or call +1.248.244.8993 ext. 4, or write SPE, 1800 Crooks Road, Suite A, Troy, MI 48084, USA.

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