



## The 2016 Defense Manufacturing Conference (DMC) Overview

**When:** November 28 – December 1, 2016

**Where:** Hyatt Regency and Denver Convention Center, Denver, Colorado

**Theme:** “Understand the Challenges; Seize the Opportunities”

**Purpose:** The DMC is where top government and industry leaders and manufacturing subject matter experts get together to communicate and collaborate on policies, strategic direction, best practices, funding opportunities, and the latest innovations in support of defense manufacturing priorities.

**Agenda:** This four-day conference includes three widely attended morning General Sessions (Tues-Wed-Thurs) and four afternoon Concurrent Technical and Special Topic Sessions (Mon-Tues-Wed-Thurs).

**General Sessions** provide a unique and diverse forum of presentations from leaders in manufacturing and senior-level stakeholders from organizations such as:

- The Executive / Legislative branches of government;
- The DOD, military services, and defense agencies including OSD, DARPA, MDA, and DLA;
- Non-defense agencies including the Departments of Homeland Security, Energy, and Commerce;
- Small, medium, and large industrial enterprises and industry trade associations, and
- Academic manufacturing researchers and sponsoring agencies.

**Concurrent/Special Topic Sessions** will include manufacturing-related topics such as:

- Focused sessions on manufacturing technology for **Advanced Manufacturing Enterprise, Metals, Electronics, Composites, and Energetics/Munitions**;
- Emerging innovative manufacturing sciences, technologies, and policies; and
- Info on the latest Manufacturing Standards, tools, and processes that will be used by DoD.

**Exhibit Hall:** Over 150 exhibits showcasing government and industry manufacturing initiatives will be on display throughout the conference along with great networking opportunities.

**Sponsor:** DMC 2016 is sponsored by the Universal Technology Corporation (UTC). Planning is conducted in collaboration with the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy (MIBP), and the Joint Defense Manufacturing Technology Panel (JDMTP) which is comprised of the senior representatives of manufacturing technology programs of the DOD, Services, MDA, and the DLA. Each year, one or more of these organizations is the focus for the conference. This year, the United States Army is the focus service, although all participate.

**History:** Since its inception in 1969 as the Manufacturing Technology Advisory Group (MTAG) Conference, DMC has provided the defense community with a forum for presenting the latest innovative manufacturing technology developments. Average attendance is well over 800, evenly divided between government and industry participants, with a small complement from academia. Attendees range from CEO- and Flag Officer/SES-level to working-level manufacturing-oriented engineers, scientists and business practice/policy makers.

