

DEARBORN, Mich., December 18, 2012 - The Society

Society of Manufacturing Engineers

DEARBORN, Mich., December 18, 2012 The [Society of Manufacturing Engineers \(SME\)](#) [1] today announced details of the panel discussions and technical conference for [AeroDef Manufacturing 2013](#) [2] and [Composites Manufacturing](#) [3], which will be held March 19-21 at the Long Beach (Calif.) Convention Center. The sessions focus on topics that hold the most potential to transform aerospace and defense manufacturing.

Dozens of technical sessions focused on eight technologies will be offered throughout the three-day event intended to drive innovation across the extended aerospace and defense manufacturing supply chain. The technology zones reflect the composition of the exposition floor and include composites and advanced materials, digital direct manufacturing, electronics, finishing and coating, integrated assembly, precision machining and tooling, quality measurement and inspection, and supplier/contract manufacturing.

Panel discussions are held each day from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. on The Deck, a central area of the exposition floor for learning, networking and collaboration. Panel discussions and keynote addresses are free-of-charge to attendees who register in advance of AeroDef.

- **Inside the AeroDef Boardroom: Executive Perspectives on the Future of the Industry**, Tuesday, March 19.
- **The Future Role of Software in Composites Manufacturing**, Wednesday, March 20.
- **The Role of Modeling & Simulation in 21st Century Aerospace and Defense System Development**, Thursday, March 21.

AeroDef is designed to give participants a comprehensive perspective of the extended aerospace and defense manufacturing enterprise. Keynote speakers will address the industry's challenges and promising solutions, which attendees can more fully explore through the event's panel discussions, technical conference tracks and Integrated Solutions Centers.

The AeroDef conference committee comprises professionals from leading aerospace and defense manufacturing companies, including Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and Pratt & Whitney. For details about the panel discussions and technical conference, visit the AeroDef Manufacturing website at aerodefevent.com [2].

Join our Twitter group [@AeroDefMfg](#) [4] and our [LinkedIn group](#) [5] to learn details about AeroDef as they unfold.

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About AeroDef Manufacturing

[AeroDef Manufacturing](#) [2] is the leading technical conference and exposition for the aerospace and defense manufacturing industry. Produced by the [Society of Manufacturing Engineers \(SME\)](#) [1], in partnership with leading industry OEMs, its mission is to foster innovation across the extended enterprise to reduce costs, expedite production times and maintain U.S. competitiveness in the global economy.

About SME

The [Society of Manufacturing Engineers \(SME\)](#) [1] is the premier source for manufacturing knowledge, education and networking. Through its many programs, events, magazines, publications and online training division, [Tooling U](#) [7], SME connects manufacturing practitioners to each other, to the latest technologies and to the most up-to-date manufacturing processes. SME has members around the world and is supported by a network of chapters and technical communities. A 501(c)3 organization, SME is a leader in manufacturing workforce development issues, working with industry, academic and government partners to support the current and future skilled workforce.

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