

Jim Morgan: UTC Briefs at DMC

Mr. Jim Morgan briefed the activities undertaken by the DoD Manufacturing Readiness Level (MRL) Working Group during 2016, at the Defense Manufacturing Conference (DMC) held in Denver, CO. He discussed the MRL matrix changes being considered; the addition of environmental, health and safety concerns; and the addition of MRL 1-3 language.

Jim briefed the changes to the dodmrl.com website containing the MRL body of knowledge. He also participated in the Advanced Manufacturing Enterprise session, presenting the Manufacturing Readiness Assessment process during the demonstration of a new MRL tool being developed by the Air Force.

Jim is UTC's MRL expert and regularly assesses the state of new manufacturing technologies readiness for mass production.

DMC 2016 had over 800 participants attending the General and Technical sessions. DMC is hosted by UTC and is the nation's largest annual forum for the defense manufacturing and industrial base community of practice – business and technology leaders, policy makers, managers, scientists and engineers, from all levels of industry, government and academia. This year, DMC examined the impacts of technology, program management, and institutional innovations on more affordable manufacturing related to the theme of "Understand the Challenges – Seize the Opportunities."

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