

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING 2026 SYMPOSIUM

From Prototype to Production

REGIONAL ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PARTNERSHIP OF MARYLAND (RAMP MD)

Symposium Agenda

8:00	Exhibits, Networking, and Breakfast (Sponsor Exhibit Area)
8:30	Welcome Remarks: Bob Cassilly , Harford County Executive Keynote Address: Dr. Suresh Babu , University of Maryland College Park (Auditorium)
9:00	AI for High-Impact Decision Systems: Bridging Professional Services and Advanced Manufacturing MODERATOR: Mike Kelleher, Maryland Manufacturing Extension Partnership Daniel Scott Mitchell, Takton • Samad Saifudin, ThresholdStack • Greg Paulsen, Guidehouse
10:00	The Talent Pipeline MODERATOR: Kim Justus, Susquehanna Workforce Network, Inc. Heather Handler, Cecil County Public Schools • Steve O'Connor, AirClear • Luke Granger, Utilitrain • Stuart Savin, Harford Community College
11:00	Break and Networking (Sponsor Exhibit Area)
11:15	Advances in Design Optimization Using CAD Tools MODERATOR: SJ Jones, Northrop Grumman John Fitzell, RPM Tech • Tracy Wettig, TriMech • Corey Zamenski, Veritech
12:15	Lunch, Networking, and Gold Sponsor Presentations (Auditorium)
1:15	From Assembly Lines to Airspace: Drones Powering Adaptive Manufacturing MODERATOR: Chris Cosgrove, SURVICE Engineering Eric Adams, U.S. Army DEVCOM C5ISR • Jian Yu, U.S. Army DEVCOM ARL • David Bjornberg, Compass Systems • Scott Bernetch, SURVICE Engineering
2:15	Break and Networking (Sponsor Exhibit Area)
2:30	Decision Frameworks for Manufacturing Technology Selection MODERATOR: Greg Paulsen, Guidehouse Mike Pecota, CTR, U.S. Navy Sea Systems Command • Ron Hill, Hill Tech Solutions • Andres Bujanda, U.S. Army DEVCOM ARL • Randy Behm, Phillips Corporation
3:30	Robotics-Driven Automation in Industrial Production MODERATOR: Dr. Suresh Babu, University of Maryland, Materials Science and Engineering Matt Kelly, Cutting Edge Automation • Paul Kramer, JR Automation, a Hitachi Company • Samad Saifudin, ThresholdStack
4:30–6:00	Networking Happy Hour – Naughty Dogs Pub, 2306 Churchville Rd., Bel Air (5 minutes from TUNE)



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