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### **CMTC Hosts Leadership Summit for Aerospace and Defense Suppliers to be held on October 6, 2010**

TORRANCE, CA – More than 140 manufacturers, suppliers and partners are expected to attend the [Aerospace and Defense Suppliers Leadership Summit 2010](#) next week, where prominent speakers from the industry, associations and the federal government will discuss how small to mid-sized suppliers can build a competitive advantage in a challenging economy.

The October 6<sup>th</sup> summit, hosted by [California Manufacturing Technology Consulting](#), and in partnership with [Boeing](#), [Rockwell Collins](#), [CSA](#), [AIA](#) and other industry partners, is part of CMTC's ongoing effort to support local small and mid size A&D suppliers.

“Defense and commercial aerospace present an uncertain picture ahead,” said [David Braunstein, President and CEO of CMTC](#). “This summit will offer invaluable tools and real-life strategies to help small to medium-sized manufacturers build leadership, grow their companies and achieve a significant competitive advantage,” said Braunstein.

The day will kick off with a welcome from David Braunstein and a view of the Next Generation Manufacturing survey, followed by an introduction from Bill Peterson, Director, Supplier Management, Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), who will talk about the future of the aerospace and defense supply chain. Ray Wersel, Boeing Defense Space & Security, will lead a panel on how systematic continuous improvements can put suppliers in a superior business position. The panel will include Gerry Bornman, VP Operations at Aluminum Precision Products and Uday Karmarkar, Adjunct Professor at UCLA's Anderson School of Management.

Amy Magat of the U.S. Commercial Service division of the U.S. Department of Commerce will join Karl Rojc, CMTC's Director of Defense Services, Mark Wilkinson, President of Conesys, and Bob Foster, a Professor of Technology Management at UCLA's Anderson School of Management on a panel focused on growth opportunities and alternative ways of winning defense contracts. The event will close with a keynote address from Jack Kyser about the future of aerospace and the economy in the US and California.

CMTC is committed to supporting and strengthening the manufacturing supply base in Southern California. The summit will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at the Holiday Inn at 19800 South Vermont Street in Torrance from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, please visit the [CMTC website](#) or contact Ellen McKewen at (310) 263-3018 or [emckewen@cmtc.com](mailto:emckewen@cmtc.com).

#### **ABOUT CALIFORNIA MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING**

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