

2015 Manufacturing Readiness Level (MRL) Workshop

You are no doubt aware that addressing manufacturing issues earlier in the development and acquisition process is critical to a program's ability to achieve cost, schedule, and performance objectives. Over the past decade, the development of Manufacturing Readiness Levels (MRLs) has helped Industry and Government make significant progress toward these objectives by enabling them to identify, manage, and mitigate manufacturing issues as early as pre-milestone A.

One of the major steps used in developing and implementing MRLs has been our annual Manufacturing Readiness Level (MRL) Workshop. Here, users from Industry and Government gather to help improve the process. You have been identified as a key player in aerospace and defense manufacturing who may be interested in attending this year's Workshop, and helping to improve the MRL process in defense manufacturing efforts.

This year we will be focusing on updates proposed to the MRL Deskbook and Matrix driven by issues identified by our Customers. We will be proposing adding a new chapter to the Deskbook addressing how to effectively adapt MRLs in special situations (i.e. S&T, Single or Small production rates, sustainment, and Commercial operations) and a possible minor change to the matrix. Both the draft chapter for adapting MRLs to specific situations along with the proposed changes to the Matrix will be posted on our www.dodmrl.com site by 24 August to allow you the opportunity to review prior to the Workshop. The agenda for the one-day Workshop may be found in Attachment 1.

The Workshop will be held 22 September at Vencor; 4100 North Fairfax Dr; Suite 800; Arlington, VA 22203; Tel (703) 741-0300 and Fax (703) 741-0310. Directions to this facility can be found in Attachment 2. The Workshop Fee, which provides continental breakfast, lunch and snacks, is \$20.00. Please RSVP by the 17th of September if you plan to attend. Responses and questions should be directed to Mr. Gary Stanley at email - gstanley@woh.rr.com. The Workshop attendance is limited to US citizens.

Thank you for the support you have already provided and for your future support.

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