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Symposium on Counterfeit Parts & Materials Program Finalized

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. -- The SMTA is pleased to announce the technical program for the Symposium on Counterfeit Parts & Materials. Co-organized by SMTA and the Center for Advanced Life Cycle Engineering (CALCE), the event will be held June 23-25, 2026 in Hyattsville, Maryland at the College Park Marriott Conference Center.

The technical program includes a keynote presentation on the status of CHIPS funding to promote onshore production to open the symposium during the opening session on policy and data. Other sessions will address trusted sources, technology tools for avoidance, standards and implementation, detection cases, and machine learning and AI applications in detection. The program features research from MuAnalysis, NHanced Semiconductors, NVIDIA, and more.

The symposium concludes on Thursday, June 25, with three professional development courses instructed by faculty from CALCE/University of Maryland. A full-day course instructed by Michael Azarian, Ph.D., is titled “How to Make the Best Use of 2026 Updates to SAE AS6171.” Peter Sandborn, Ph.D., instructs a concurrent half-day course in the morning titled, “Electronic Part Obsolescence Forecasting, Mitigation and Management.” Diganta Das, Ph.D., will instruct the afternoon course titled, “Understanding and Implementing Industry Standards for Counterfeit Avoidance.”

Registration for this event is now open. Discounted rates are available when registering by Friday, May 22. Access to the two-day symposium and professional development courses are included in the standard conference package, details are available on the [registration page](#).

For logistics questions, contact Kristin Nafstad, kristin@smta.org or call +1-952-920-7682. For questions about the program or presentations, contact Diganta Das, diganta@umd.edu or call 301-467-3040. For more information about the symposium, visit <https://smta.org/counterfeit/>.

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