

## DMC 2024 – DLA Outreach Session Abstract

**Theme:** Winning the Strategic Materials Race / Crushing the Critical Materials Competition

**Who:** DLA alongside our small business, academic, scientific community, and government partners will win the strategic materials race. This outreach session will directly focus on expert panelists galvanizing our small business allies to tackle this global threat.

*Facilitator:* DLA R&D SBIP PM, Dr. Vaibhav (VJ) Jain

*Panelists:* TBD

**What:** Our nation is in a global race to secure the critical materials needed for everyday life. For years, China has strategically dominated this precious global supply. Small businesses are our secret weapon to invest in, and revitalize, our national (and allied) stockpiles of rare earth materials and products. Our esteemed panelists will detail DLA's commitment to researching strategic and critical materials supply chains that have been compromised by decreased or abandoned mining and refining activities or lack of domestic manufacturing.

**When:** Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> | 3:15-4:45pm

**Where:** DLA Outreach Session, DMC 2024, Austin TX

**Why:** To secure our global supply chain, support the Warfighter, and win this great power competition, our nation must unequivocally develop domestic sources of strategic and critical materials. This greater manufacturing independence will ultimately reduce logistics costs, maintain a secure and resilient supply chain, and develop optimal supply chain practices.