

Deirdre Hanford

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Deirdre Hanford is executive vice president and co-general manager of Synopsys' Design Group, responsible for leading the development and deployment of our physical design, implementation, and analog/mixed-signal product lines. She previously served as our executive VP of customer engagement, ensuring the successful adoption of Synopsys technology into customers' demanding environments and overseeing engagements with key customers and ecosystem partners. Ms. Hanford has held a variety of positions at Synopsys over her 29-year tenure, including leadership roles in applications engineering, sales, and marketing.

Ms. Hanford earned a BSEE from Brown University and an MSEE from UC Berkeley. In 2001, she was a recipient of the YWCA Tribute to Women and Industry (TWIN) Award and the Marie R. Pistilli Women in EDA Achievement Award. Ms. Hanford served as the Chairman of American Electronics Association in 2008. She currently chairs Brown University's Engineering Advisory Committee and serves on the Engineering Advisory Board for UC Berkeley's College of Engineering.