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### **NETL'S GOLLAKOTA RECEIVES 2012 EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT AWARD**

**Morgantown, W.Va. —**



The National Energy Technology Laboratory's (NETL) Dr. Sai Gollakota has been selected by the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board (FEB) for their Excellence in Government Bronze Award in the Outstanding Professional Employee (All Other Professional Fields) category. The Award was presented at the 29th annual Awards Program luncheon at the Westin Convention Center Hotel in Pittsburgh on Friday, May 25.

Out of the 160 nominations FEB received from regional Federal organizations, NETL was lauded with 3 Gold Awards, 2 Silver Awards, and 5 Bronze Awards. Representatives from 16 Federal agencies, acting as an FEB awards committee, made the semi-final selections, and a panel of representatives from the business and civic community chose the final selections.

Gollakota was recognized for his efforts to initiate and manage commercial-scale carbon capture, utilization, and storage and Clean Coal Power Initiative demonstration projects to mitigate global climate change and promote clean coal technologies. He is an NETL project manager for the Archer Daniels Midland Company's (ADM) industrial carbon capture and storage project—the largest saline storage project in the U.S.—designed to store approximately one million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year in the saline Mount Simon

Sandstone formation at a depth of 7,000 feet. His leadership helped move this American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-funded project into the construction phase ahead of schedule and under budget. To promote knowledge sharing as part of the project, Gollakota is working with the ADM project team to develop a National Sequestration Education Center (Decatur, Ill.).

Gollakota's knowledge of both clean coal technologies and the power generation industry have allowed him to successfully manage a number of projects at NETL over the past eight years. He has a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Auburn University (Auburn, Ala.) and an M.S. in industrial administration, with university honors, from Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, Pa.). He has been married to his wife Suseela for 27 years, and their son, Sanjiv, is attending the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (Lewisburg, W.Va.) to become a physician. Gollakota lives in Morgantown, W.Va.

NETL is a U.S. Department of Energy national laboratory that produces technological solutions to America's energy challenges. For more than 100 years, the laboratory has focused on developing tools and processes to provide clean, reliable, and affordable energy to the American people. Three NETL research sites—Albany, Ore., Morgantown, W.Va., and Pittsburgh, Pa.—conduct a broad range of energy and environmental research and development activities that support DOE's mission to advance the national, economic, and energy security of the United States.

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