

Asian American Engineer of the Year

Dilip S. Gokhale



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Citation of Accomplishment:

Dilip Gokhale is a well-recognized and sought-after expert in the field of networks and communications, with a focus on SATCOM and satellite systems, always leading his domain with numerous original patents and publications, as well as active participation in professional and industry societies and conferences.

Lockheed Martin Fellow, Dilip Gokhale, has 20 plus years of experience in the area of satellite and wireless communications and networking systems and products. He currently serves as the Chief Domain Technologist for Communications and Networking within IS&GS Defense, where he provides technical leadership in support of pursuits, programs and Internal Research and Development activities.

His previous positions include co-founder of the ALTIGY, providing key leadership on projects, such as development of technologies for future commercial broadband and mobile satellite systems and Director of the Network and Protocol Development Group. As Chief Engineer on the Astrolink program, he led the overall design and implementation of the core networking elements, earning him the Lockheed Martin NOVA award for technical excellence. He worked for COMSAT Laboratories, starting first as a Member of Technical Staff, serving as Director of Network Technology, then progressing to Vice President, Network Technology. He helped establish a software development subsidiary and served as the Payload Software Lead on the Iridium NEXT concept definition phase. He successfully led the Iridium NEXT Application Software program and met tight customer deadlines. In each position, he played pivotal roles as a leader and as a technical expert.

Mr. Gokhale is known throughout industry for his communications network expertise. Throughout his career, he has provided key leadership on numerous programs and products and has served on industry boards creating standards, published papers, and obtained patents. He is able to translate his technology expertise into new business strategies, clearly communicating them to management.

Since 1986, he has mentored over 150 employees, from entry-level to senior level. He was born in India. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1999. He is married with two college-age children. His outside interests are listening to music, reading books, and traveling.

