

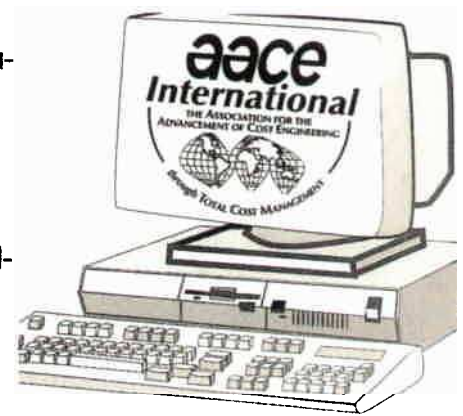
# AACE's Technical Board Announces the Technical Excellence Award



**C**reated in 1999, the Technical Excellence Award honors and recognizes outstanding technical contributions to the organization by an individual in the project and cost management community.

Technical excellence may be accomplished through

- significant achievement or contribution to technical division work or administration; and
- by playing an instrumental part in the development of technical products, such as **Recommended Practices and Standards**, the **Professional Practice Guides**, books, etc.



Sarwar A. Samad is the first recipient of this prestigious award, which was presented at the Denver Annual Meeting.



*Sarwar A. Samad has been a member of AACE International since 1993 and was certified in 1996. Mr. Samad is a longtime contributor to AACE. Currently, he is a member of the Technical Board, is the Director of Recommended Practices and Standards, and is the Chair of the Aerospace Special Interest Group. He was Chair of the Planning & Scheduling Committee from 1997-1999. He received the*

*Outstanding Committee Chair Award in 1996.*

*He holds a master's degree in civil engineering and management from UC Berkeley and is a licensed engineering contractor. Mr. Samad is also a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and is listed in the international Who's Who. He has given talks, presented papers at various professional convocations, and lectured graduate students. He edited two of AACE International's Professional Practice Guides: Cost Engineering in Aerospace and Aviation, and Planning and Scheduling. He also authored the Operations Handbook for Technical Committees and Special Interest Groups. Mr. Samad has published several management and engineering papers in Cost Engineering and the AACE International Transactions. Mr. Samad's publications relating to the FAA's mission and programs include "Free Flight: Keeping Up*

*With Changing Times," and "The US Federal Aviation Administration's Airspace System in the Changing World."*

*Mr. Samad has 23 years of extensive, hands-on experience in engineering, management, project controls, and management information systems, with a total estimated project cost in excess of \$1 billion. For the past 9 years, he has been associated with the US Federal Aviation Administration; he currently is working in the Airports Division of the Western-Pacific Region. He has proven management and engineering skills and a strong record of accomplishments. He successfully implemented and managed performance measurement systems and improved labor productivity. As a chief negotiator of labor relations, he was instrumental in diffusing the threat of a strike. Mr. Samad has received numerous letters of appreciation, including national [US] certificates of recognition and awards for outstanding performance and standards of excellence from the FAA, Fortune 100 companies, professional societies, and educational institutions.*

*Mr. Samad's family enjoys an illustrious heritage in Hyderabad, India. The grandson of a chief justice and son of a noted scholar and professor, he is a descendent of the former rulers of India. Mr. Samad lives in Manhattan Beach, CA, where he and his wife Rana are bringing up their three children: Hibah, Samir, and Maha. ♦*

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