

## **Durga D. Agrawal**

Durga D. Agrawal received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Delhi, India. Following his Bachelor's Degree, he studied Industrial Engineering at the University of Houston, earning a MS in 1969 and a Ph.D. in 1974. Dr. Agrawal founded Piping Technology & Products, Inc (PT&P) in 1978, making acquisitions of Sweco Fab in 1986 and U.S. Bellows in 1997. In 2004, PT&P acquired from the Shaw Group the following companies: Fronek Company (FCI) Inc., Fronek Anchor/Darling Enterprises Inc., Pipe Shields Inc., and FCI Pipe Supports Inc. He served as a Director of the Society of Piping Engineers and Designers from 1986-87. Since 1975, he has been an Associate Member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. In 1998, he was nominated for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award and in the same year, he received the Cullen College of Engineering Distinguished Engineering Alumnus Award. He has been a member of the University of Houston Advisory Board for Industrial Engineering since 1998, and a member of the Engineering Leadership Board since 1999. Dr. Agrawal has established a scholarship endowment in the UH Industrial Engineering Department and has also been involved in various fundraising efforts for Rice University. Durga was selected as the 2001 US Small Business Person of the Year for the State of Texas by the U.S. Small Business Administration. He is an active member of ITAC (Industry Trade Advisory Committee) which is an integral link between industry and the United States Government, and jointly administered by the Department of Commerce and the United States Trade Representative (USTR). In March 2005, the GPC (Government Procurement Connections) 2005 awarded Durga D. Agrawal the Texas Trailblazer Award. In April 2006, he was honored as the Entrepreneur of the Year by the Asian Chamber of Commerce of Houston. He is the Founding President of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston (IACCGH) and the current President of India House, Inc. He also serves as member of the Board of Directors of Friedman Industries.

Durga D. Agrawal is happily married to Sushila Agrawal. They have 4 children: Anu (married to Shirish Lal), Rakesh (married to Shonali Nath), Aarati and Alpna (married to Dr. Nitin Kapur). They have 3 adorable grandchildren: Anisha, Rahul and Ananya.