



ICDRiA's Newest addition of Mr. Raj Sharma as its Associate Director

RICHARDSON, Texas (Jan. 2, 2005) – With 30 years experience working with various USA and foreign government agencies on safety and risk related projects, Mr. Raj Sharma will be one of ICDRiA's most valuable assets.

"In a quickly changing world, Risk Management has assumed an even higher position in the minds of decision makers" Sharma said, explaining that "New risks are created by the rapidly increasing use of technology and terrorism. Recent natural disasters have given us another reminder of nature's enormous force and relative unpredictability that needs to be accessed and managed."



Most recently Mr. Sharma worked as an Executive for the City of Dallas, Texas in the capacity of head of the Building Inspection Division where his Division regulated building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, fire, water health & zoning codes for annual construction valued at \$2 billion.

Mr. Sharma, a professional engineer, has served as the Chairman of the Council of Canadian Building Officials Association. He is a board member of the Greater Dallas Indo American Chamber of Commerce, member of the World Affairs Council, and a Founding member of the World Organization of Building Officials.

As for Mr. Sharma's goals and expectations for the ICDRiA, "I would like the Center to carry on activities that will result in helping decision makers achieve safer, and more productive environments for their stakeholders." As far as his future outlook for the center, he expects the center to be involved with private, as well as public, sectors, "Although, my long-term experience is in the public sector, in every position I have held, there was deep interaction with the private sector. I envision the Center working in concert with government bodies and private corporations alike."

Mr. Sharma has two degrees in civil engineering, an MBA as well as the Executive Development Program from the University of Calgary, Canada. He taught in Canada and the USA, including Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth Texas, in the areas of economics, international trade, strategic planning & statistics. Currently he is also a lecturer at UTD's school of management.

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