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Mr. Lakshmaiah Ponnala  
Cabinet Minister  
Government of Andhra Pradesh  
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Dear Minister Ponnala

On behalf of Dr. Khaled Gasem, Interim Dean, and the faculty, I am delighted that you have accepted the opportunity to be inducted into the Hall of Fame of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology at Oklahoma State University. I am writing to confirm plans for your induction.

The CEAT Hall of Fame was established in 1954 to recognize engineers, architects and technologists who, by their managerial, professional, public and civic activities, have brought great credit to their professions. Since the induction of Lawrence L. Dresser, eighty eight individuals have been inducted.

The induction ceremony will occur at our annual CEAT Hall of Fame Dinner to be held Friday, October 14, 2011. We will have a reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Southwest Legacy Hall of the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center to honor the new and previous inductees. Dinner will be served in the Click Family Hall of the Alumni Center starting at 7:00 p.m. Induction will follow dinner. Those in attendance will include former inductees, CEAT Associates, faculty and spouses, as well as student leaders.

We will provide you the opportunity to make a few remarks following your induction. I suggest that you plan your remarks for six to eight minutes in length. You may choose the subject. Some inductees have reminisced about their educational experience as a student at OSU, or their most unusual professional experiences. Several inductees have spoken about how their educational background prepared them for "a road less traveled." Others have outlined their philosophy on higher education or on professional practice. Still others have discussed the importance they have placed on contributions to profession and society. You can see that there is a good deal of flexibility, but I know that the faculty and students would like very much to hear a response from you following your induction.

The Hall of Fame Award consists of two plaques. One plaque will be displayed in the Advanced Technology Research Center Commons Building on the OSU campus along with the plaques of all previous inductees. The second plaque is for your personal use.

A special publication will be issued at the 2011 Hall of Fame Dinner and will feature you and another inductee, Mr. Jeff Fisher, Senior Vice President of Chesapeake Energy. We would like to include a "human interest" profile of you in this publication. The format will be identical to that used in our previous publications. Vonda Evans, a free lance writer for the College, will contact you by phone or e-mail for an interview. To give you an idea of what to expect, copies of publications honoring the inductees in 2008, 2009, and 2010 are being mailed to you. A listing of all previous inductees is provided in the 2010 publication.

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For our use in preparing the plaques and a computer-video presentation, I would appreciate your forwarding the following items to us as soon as practical:

- Two glossy black and white portrait photographs, preferably about five by seven inches -- one for an artist who will sketch your likeness, and one to be used for publicity (**it is important that we get these photos soon, since they are being used to guide the preparation of a pen and ink sketch of you for the plaque.**)
- One glossy color portrait photograph, about five by seven inches or larger -- to be used for the finale of the program;
- Vita and/or biographical information -- to be used to recognize you appropriately in the publication and a news release;
- Additional information listed on the attached sheet -- to be used for the program.  
The photos are very important !

We hope that you and your family members will be able to join you for this special occasion. You are also welcome to invite some of your friends and professional associates as guests for the evening. I know that there are persons in the United States that will want to come. We would be pleased to send invitations to the dinner and induction, or notices that you will be inducted, to persons you identify for us. They will be our guests.

We invite you to join us for another special event on Friday, October 14. The Fall 2011 meeting of the CEAT Associates will be held from 10:00 am to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 14. The CEAT Associates serve as a Strategic Advisory Group and Advocates for our College. Our Interim Dean, Dr. Khaled Gasem will preside at the Associates Meeting and the Hall of Fame that evening. I the fall Associates meeting will be an exciting meeting with a new leader. I hope you will join us. I will be at the Hall of Fame that evening enjoying seeing you inducted !!

Lakshmaiah, we (and me !) are excited about your induction into the OSU College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology Hall of Fame. Your acceptance for induction will bring honor to the College, and will be an inspiration to our students and faculty. We look forward to having you as our honoree and continuing the tradition of the CEAT Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



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Regents Service Professor  
Professor of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

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