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Mr. Kothari was inducted into National Academy of Construction (NAC) in 2020. He was appointed Chair for FIDIC's International Financial Institutions Committee (IFIC) and a member of FIDIC – Risk, Liability and Quality Committee in 2020. He was Chair-Emeritus (2019 – 2020) and served as National Chair of American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) for the 2018-2019 term, Vice Chair on the Executive Committee for ACEC from 2013 to 2015 and led the ACEC International Committee for four years from 2009 to 2013. He is also a Commissioner for State of Maryland, Maryland Economic Development Commission and a member of Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Services and Finance Industries (ITAC 10) with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Office of United States Trade Representative. He is a recipient of 2015 WTCI's Maryland International Business Leadership Award conferred by Governor Larry Hogan. Mr. Kothari also served previously on the Business Advisory Council of the National Education Association (NEA).