



SME Honors Seven for Outstanding Achievements

DEARBORN, Mich. - June 4, 2002 - The Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), the world's leading professional society supporting manufacturing education, today announced the SME International Honor Award recipients. The SME International Honor Awards recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions in education, production processes, manufacturing, or technology in the industry.

"On behalf of the Society, I am extremely proud and honored to recognize these seven individuals," said Marcus B. Crotts, SME president. "Through their diligent research efforts and technical achievements, these individuals significantly contributed to advancing the manufacturing industry."

The awards were presented at the SME Annual Awards Banquet on May 31, 2002, in Dallas, Texas

Subir Chowdhury received the SME Gold Medal

The SME Gold Medal is awarded to Subir Chowdhury, for outstanding service to the manufacturing engineering profession in technical communications through published literature, technical writings, and lectures. Hailed by the New York Times as a "Leading Quality Expert," Chowdhury is the author of *The Power of Six Sigma: An Inspiring Tale of How Six Sigma is Transforming the Way We Work*, *Management 21C: Someday We'll All Manage This Way*, *The Talent Era: Achieving A High Return on Talent*, and *QS-9000 Pioneers*. He co-authored with Dr. Genichi Taguchi, *Robust Engineering and The Mahalanobis-Taguchi System*. Chowdhury is executive vice president of ASI - American Supplier Institute in Livonia, Michigan.