



## **UCTA To Honor Gopal Guthikonda As Most Valuable Professional**

Gopal K. Guthikonda, P.E., has been named the 2012 Most Valuable Professional (MVP) by award sponsors Underground Construction Technology Association (UCTA) and *Underground Construction* magazine. The MVP Award is bestowed annually to an individual for outstanding contributions to the underground infrastructure industry.

Guthikonda serves as assistant director of the Engineering Services Program with the Austin Water Utility, Austin, TX. He is responsible for providing engineering support functions for the execution of all Austin's water and wastewater improvements and is responsible for the implementation of the Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Program.

Guthikonda is also the program manager for the \$400 Million Austin Clean Water Program, a wastewater pipeline replacement and rehabilitation program initiated by the city of Austin to meet a federal mandate. He played a leading role in the follow up organization and the deployment of the Austin Water Utility's CMOM program, which is a model for Texas and North America.

He holds bachelors and masters degrees in civil engineering and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas. He has more than 31 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry, and has worked in various capacities for the Austin Water Utility since 1987. Before joining the Utility, he worked for consulting engineering firms designing wastewater collection systems and treatment plants.

Guthikonda will be presented with the award at a special luncheon on Jan. 24, 2012 held in conjunction with the annual UCT conference in San Antonio. Beginning with a reception at 11:30 a.m., the banquet will be held at the Hilton's Pavilion adjacent to the convention center.

To make reservations for an individual or table, visit the UCTA website at [www.uctaonline.org](http://www.uctaonline.org), or contact Nerissa Lawford, [nerissa@amchouston.com](mailto:nerissa@amchouston.com), (713) 839-0808. Pre-registering is encouraged as seating is limited.