



## Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation

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Dear Dr. Bhaduri:

It is my distinct honor to congratulate you on being chosen as the recipient of the 2010 *Homeland Security Award* in the field of *Emergency Response to Natural and Man-made Disasters* sponsored by the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation and AgustaWestland North America. As you may know, the Foundation is a Federal government agency established by Congress to "encourage and support research, study and labor designed to produce new discoveries in all fields of endeavor for the benefit of mankind." This mission is accomplished through the sponsorship of programs such as the *Homeland Security Awards*. AgustaWestland North America is one of the world's largest helicopter manufacturers.

The intent of the *Homeland Security Awards* is to honor "cutting edge" innovations that are making measurable and constructive contributions related to basic and/or advanced research in the area of homeland security. This Award is being bestowed on you for the development of the LandScan USA database.

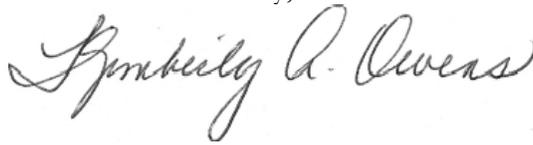
The Foundation invites you and a guest to be our honored guests at the *Homeland Security Awards* ceremony on Tuesday, October 05, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the U.S. Capitol Mansfield Room (S-207), Washington, D.C., where you will receive your award. The Foundation stipulates, and the rules of the Award mandate, that the **awardee must be present** to accept the \$25,000 Award at the ceremony on October 05. **The award check will be made payable to you personally unless you stipulate otherwise.**

I have enclosed an Agreement the Foundation would like you to sign which asks simply that you: 1) promote the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation and AgustaWestland North America when talking about the award; 2) participate in Foundation activities whenever possible; 3) provide the Foundation with periodic updates on the progress of your research; and 4) allow the Foundation to use your name, as a Columbus Scholar, to promote its programs.

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Dr. Bhaduri, again congratulations on being chosen as the recipient of a 2010 ***Homeland Security Award***. I look forward to meeting you on October 05. Judi Shellenberger, Executive Director of the Foundation, will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact her at: (315) 258-0090 or email: [judithmscolumbus@cs.com](mailto:judithmscolumbus@cs.com)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly A. Owens". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

Kimberly A. Owens  
Chair

Enclosure