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## MCA Member Receives ASHRAE Hightower Award



Midwest Cogeneration Association Board Member Dharam Punwani (President of Avalon Consulting, Inc. and team member of the U.S. DOE Midwest Clean Energy Application Center) was awarded the 2010 George B. Hightower Technical Achievement Award at the meeting of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHARE) in Orlando, Florida on January 26, 2010.

The award recognized Dharam's significant and exceptional services in the areas of technical leadership and technical contributions that include the development of a new chapter (Chapter 17) on "Combustion Turbine Inlet Cooling (CTIC)" for the [2008 HVAC Systems & Equipment Handbook](#). The benefits of [CTIC](#) for clean energy systems that incorporate combustion/gas turbines include:

1. increased energy efficiency;
2. increased power generation capacity;
3. reduced carbon footprint of energy use during hot weather

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