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Sridhar Kota is the Director of MFOresight: Alliance for Manufacturing Foresight and Herrick Professor of Engineering, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Michigan. Kota authored over 200 technical papers and holds over 25 patents. He is the founder and President of FlexSys Inc., an engineering firm that developed the world’s first modern aircraft with shape-changing wings. He is the recipient of American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Machine Design award, Outstanding Educator award and the Leonardo Da Vinci award.

Kota served as the Asst. Director for Advanced Manufacturing at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (2009-12) where he developed policy recommendations and implementation strategies to enhance U.S. manufacturing competitiveness. He played an instrumental role in initiating and launching several initiatives including National Manufacturing Innovation Institutes and the National Robotics Initiative.