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Radha Sekar Honored with 2024 AESA Congressional Service Award

The Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESAs) is proud to announce that Radha Sekar, Chief Executive Officer of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), has been named the recipient of the 2024 AESA Congressional Service Award. This prestigious award recognizes leaders who have significantly influenced federal education policy and advanced the mission of educational service agencies (ESAs) across the nation.

With over 25 years of experience in both the public and private sectors, Ms. Sekar has earned a stellar reputation for her leadership in business management, strategic planning, and systems implementation. She has consistently demonstrated success in launching and managing complex programs to meet organizational goals while skillfully mitigating risks.

Since her appointment as CEO of USAC by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in 2018, Ms. Sekar has overseen the administration of multi-billion-dollar telecommunications programs that bridge the digital divide for unserved and underserved communities across the United States. These initiatives include the FCC's Universal Service Fund programs and Congressional Response programs, which provide vital support to schools, libraries, healthcare providers, and rural communities.

"As a member of the USAC Board of Directors, I have witnessed, firsthand, Radha's phenomenal leadership," Dr. Joan Wade, AESA Executive Director, said. "She has not only guided USAC through important transitions but has also positioned the organization for continued growth and success. Her outstanding work and commitment to public service make her an exemplary recipient of this award."

Radha Sekar received the award at the AESA Legislative Breakfast on September 26, held during the AESA Advocacy in Action Conference. This conference provides ESA leaders with in-depth, tailored information, equipping them with the tools and knowledge necessary for effective advocacy. The AESA community was proud to honor Sekar's significant contributions to education during the event.

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