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Sudhir (Sid) Ahuja is Joint Ventures Vice-President within Alcatel-Lucent Ventures. In this role, Sid is leading a team to leverage Bell Labs innovations and technology in vertical markets. With a focus on the Health Care sector, Sid seeks to bring innovation to market fast by partnering with industry players. He is also the General Manager for a new venture in Telemedicine jointly launched by ALU and UPMC.

With a 30 year career within Bell Labs, Sid has contributed to scientific programs and led numerous research projects. Most recently, he has lead research in new multimedia services that merge capabilities of different network types. He is an expert in voice recognition, text to speech, speaker verification, face animation human computer interaction, video/music on demand and groupware. He has also been active in lab to market projects, bringing innovations to commercialization. He has helped launch 9 new ventures based on Bell Labs technologies.

Sid holds 23 patents related to computing and multimedia networking. He has published numerous papers and been asked to speak at numerous IEEE and other trade conferences. He is on Computer Science Advisory Board at John Hopkins University. He also served as the CTO for GeoVideo, a venture in IP based video network for commercial broadcast content.

Sid received his PhD and MS degrees in Electrical Engineering/Computer Science from Rice University in Houston, Texas. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India where he received the Gold Medal for best academic performance.