

Louis A. Martin-Vega

DEAN OF ENGINEERING



Dr. Louis A. Martin-Vega is the dean of the College of Engineering at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. With more than 8,000 students, 900 faculty and staff, and over \$121 million in research expenditures, the College of Engineering at NC State is one of the largest in the US and a worldwide leader in engineering research, education and service.

Martin-Vega came to NC State in 2006 after spending nearly five years as professor and dean of engineering at the University of South Florida. Prior to joining the University of South Florida, he held several prestigious positions, including serving as acting head of the Engineering Directorate at the National Science Foundation (NSF); director of NSF's Division of Design, Manufacture and Industrial Innovation; and chair of the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering at Lehigh University.

He also served as the Lockheed Professor in the College of Engineering at Florida Institute of Technology and directed the University of Florida's Center for Electronics Manufacturing. He has held tenured faculty positions at the University of Florida and the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez. His research and teaching interests are in the areas of industrial engineering, manufacturing, logistics and distribution, operations management and production and service systems.

A registered professional engineer in Florida and Puerto Rico, he is a Fellow of the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE), a Fellow of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) and a member of INFORMS, ASEE, Tau Beta Phi, Alpha Pi Mu and Sigma Xi. He received the Albert Holzman Distinguished Educator Award from IIE in May 1999. He holds a B.S. in industrial engineering from the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, an M.S. in operations research from New York University and M.E. and Ph.D. degrees in industrial and systems engineering from the University of Florida.

His efforts in college education and the promotion of diversity were nationally recognized in 2000 through his receipt of the HENACC-Hispanic Engineering National Education Achievement Award. He was inducted into the Pan American Academy of Engineering in 2002 and served as President of the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) in 2007-08. He also received the 2007 National Hispanic Scientist of the Year Award from the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) in Tampa, Florida, and in that same year was recognized by *Hispanic Business* magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the US. The North Carolina Society of Engineers honored him as the Outstanding Engineer in North Carolina for 2008.