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Shukla formed and helped draft legislation that in 1993 established the California Technology Investment Partnership (CalTIP), an innovation and entrepreneurship initiative supporting the state’s “new economy.” He also created and managed the first “defense adjustment” program based on policy advice he provided the Clinton Administration in the early 1990s.

He was one of the first to promote policies supporting the development of “bundled” intellectual property (IP) between research institutions and universities. His efforts led to Larta Institute’s collaboration in 2006 with the Kauffman Foundation and the U.S. National Science Foundation to address issues concerning university-derived IP involving multiple institutions.

Shukla’s Los Angeles-based organization has helped more than 10,000 companies commercialize their innovations in science and technology, particularly in agriculture and the life sciences. Larta Institute has exclusive contracts with the NIH, NSF and USDA.