



## **Justin J. Vala, P.E.**

Senior Vice President, Engineering & Construction

Justin J. Vala is Senior Vice President, Engineering & Construction for Tenaska Development and leads the team responsible for supporting the technical functions of energy project development, operations and asset management and capital deployment projects. He is a member of Tenaska's Executive Leadership Board.

In his current role, Mr. Vala manages the team responsible for power grid transmission analysis; management of the electrical interconnection processes; project siting, surveys, and permitting, development engineering (all disciplines); technology evaluation and selection; contracting for engineering services, major equipment supply, and project construction services; preparation of cost and performance estimates; and project management related these activities. Mr. Vala's team performs these roles with respect to both conventional thermal and renewable energy (including photovoltaic solar, battery energy storage, and wind turbine power plants) and other emerging technologies.

Mr. Vala joined Tenaska in 2008 and was initially involved in technology selection, plant configuration and management of front-end engineering and design studies for clean coal project development efforts. Subsequently, Mr. Vala has supported a broad range of other prospective commercial development efforts, including natural gas and cogeneration power plant development, liquefied natural gas production and marketing and advanced biofuels project evaluations. Most recently, Mr. Vala led the technical aspects for the development and construction of four utility-scale and wind power projects with total nameplate capacity of nominally 800 megawatts.

Prior to joining Tenaska, Mr. Vala worked for ExxonMobil Chemical, primarily in the Olefins Group, as a Technology Engineer, Plant Engineer and Energy Coordinator. His responsibilities included new technology evaluation, plant simulation, monitoring and optimization, plant operations support and project development engineering.

Mr. Vala earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. He is a registered Professional Engineer and a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.