

Bio

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R. Shankar Nair is a principal and senior vice president of [Teng & Associates, Inc.](#), a 400-person engineering and architecture firm based in Chicago. Before joining Teng in 1995, he had served as a principal in Alfred Benesch and Company in Chicago, KKBNA in Chicago, and RTKL Associates Inc. in Baltimore. He received his Ph.D. in civil engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is licensed to practice engineering in 44 states.



In a career that has focused on structural engineering for large architectural and civil engineering projects, Dr. Nair developed the structural designs of many major bridges and buildings including the longest tied arch in the world, the longest steel stringer span in the U.S., many buildings of 30 to 70 stories, and a 90-story, 1047-foot tall building now under construction in Chicago. His projects have won numerous awards including four AISC/NSBA "Prize Bridge" awards, two American Consulting Engineers Council "National Grand Awards" and six Structural Engineers Association of Illinois "Most Innovative Structure" awards.

Active as a researcher and leader of professional activities, Dr. Nair has published numerous technical papers and has lectured around the world. He is a former Chairman of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat. He has won the George Winter Award from ASCE, a Lifetime Achievement Award and T.R. Higgins Lectureship Award from AISC, the John Parmer Award from the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois, and a Distinguished Service Award from the University of Illinois College of Engineering. He has been inducted into the National Academy of Engineering.