

Acura Inc.

Domenico DiGioia, President



Over the past decade, Acura Inc. has served as a concrete subcontractor on more than 30 Illinois Tollway projects.

But, in 2013, the Bensenville-based disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) was awarded a contract as a prime not once, but twice, thanks to opportunities provided through *Move Illinois*.

Acura President Domenico “Nico” DiGioia says bidding for contracts as a prime is the only way to ensure that his company continues to get work in an increasingly competitive construction industry.

In February, Acura was awarded its first Tollway contract as a prime, a \$5.2 million contract to rebuild and widen the U.S. Route 20 Bridge on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).

A month later, Acura was awarded its second contract as a prime, a \$3.9 million contract to rebuild four ramps on the interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to

the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90)/I-190/O’Hare/River Road/Kennedy Expressway.

The second contract resulted from the Tollway’s efforts to unbundle large contracts into smaller jobs to provide greater opportunities for smaller firms.

Acura has come a long way since the firm was launched in 2002 by Nico, the son of a Venezuelan immigrant. At first, it was just Nico paving sidewalks, driveways and patios. Today, Acura’s business includes heavy highway concrete paving, trucking and structural work and employs as many as 120 people at the height of construction season.

“Move Illinois gives DBEs like Acura the opportunity to prove we can be counted on to do good work. These new contracts worth more than \$9 million give us the chance to show what we can do as a prime.”



Acura prepares to begin rebuilding and widening work on the U.S. Route 20 Bridge on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) near Hampshire.

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