

SPAAN Tech Inc.

Smita Shah, Chief Executive Officer



Born in Chicago to parents who emigrated from India, Smita Shah followed in her father's footsteps, entering the highly technical and demanding field of civil engineering. Because she did particularly well in math and science classes, her path to becoming an engineer was a natural fit. "My father always said that education is the key that will open doors for you," said Shah.

In 1998, with the goal of managing her own civil engineering firm, Shah established SPAAN Tech, a certified disadvantaged, minority- and woman-owned enterprise based in Chicago.

SPAAN Tech earned a well-established relationship with the Illinois Tollway doing maintenance facility inspections prior to the *Move Illinois* Program, but it is the company's ongoing construction management and inspection responsibilities for the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project that has given Shah the incentive to expand SPAAN Tech's range

"Move Illinois' commitment to inclusion and innovation has allowed me to expand my company's capabilities in construction management services and hire more maintenance inspectors, construction supervisors and other highly talented people to my staff."

of services, accelerate its hiring schedule and assign more engineers to work on *Move Illinois* projects.

SPAAN Tech's current multi-year contract is worth more than \$2.5 million.

"Because of the Illinois Tollway's willingness to innovate, there are growing

opportunities for small firms like mine to contribute to the *Move Illinois* Program. I'm proud that SPAAN Tech is part of the bold initiative to shape the future of roadway transportation in Northern Illinois."



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Smita Shah, working from SPAAN Tech's headquarters in Chicago, is enthusiastic about the new technologies and innovation that Move Illinois is bringing to Northern Illinois.

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