

APS Consulting Inc.

Shakti Joshi, P.E., President



Life has been about bold choices for Shakti Joshi. With a passion for design and building inspired by his father and grandfather, Shakti traveled from India to the U.S. to learn techniques that would propel him to succeed as an engineer.

After fifteen years sharpening his skills at engineering firms, Shakti knew it was time for a daring move – opening his own business. In 2006, APS Consulting Inc. was born.

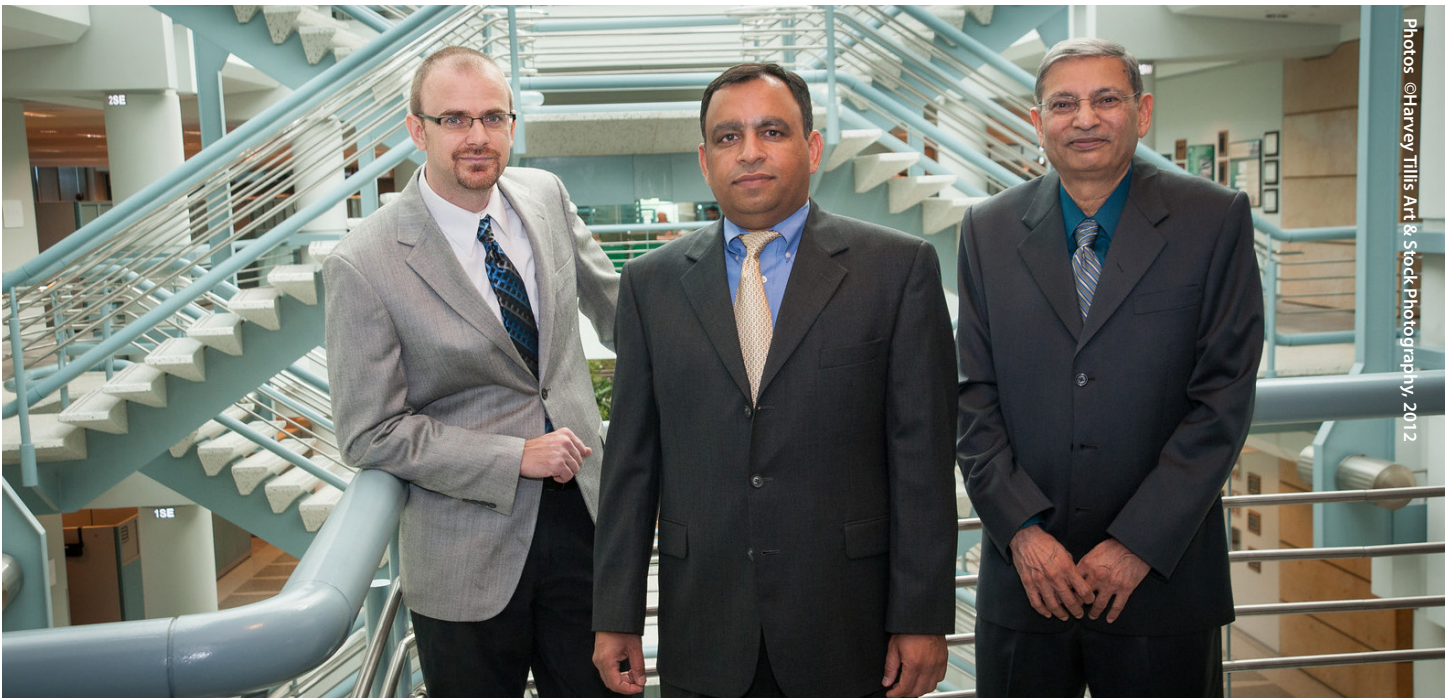
Shakti got his first glimpse of the benefits of the Tollway's disadvantaged business enterprise program when he landed his first Illinois Tollway contract in 2007. From then on, APS continued to add more employees, who, in turn, gained more experience in all facets of engineering, design and management.

In 2010, APS took another big step forward. As a participant in the Tollway's Mentor/Protégé Program, APS worked as the "protégé" under a major engineering

firm, working on a \$20 million contract to resurface the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355). This set the stage for APS to join the ranks of prime consultant for the Tollway.

Eager to participate in *Move Illinois*, APS recently formed a joint venture that successfully bid on the \$2.5 million Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294) ramp design and construction management project. Winning this contract helped APS grow its number of employees to 12 full-time professionals.

"The Tollway has given us the opportunity to succeed as a firm. Being able to play a role in the new *Move Illinois* Program will not only allow us to strengthen our skills, but it will also give us the ability to compete as prime consultant in the future."



Shakti Joshi, P.E. (center), Matthew Kuehl, P.E. (left) and Devshi Roy, P.E. (right) of APS Consulting Inc.

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