A time when most kids his age were reading comic books, Jorge Moreno was reading blueprints. Forget Superman, the “man of steel.” Jorge was fascinated by the design of bridges made of steel.

With parents who immigrated to the U.S. from Mexico in search of a better life, Jorge grew up determined to seize every opportunity that came his way. Today, Jorge is realizing his own designs as president of Chicago-based engineering firm CivCon Services Inc.

Calling it “one of the best decisions I’ve ever made,” Jorge launched his own firm in 2000 and expanded it to include roadway and infrastructure projects. And, less than two years later, CivCon was awarded its first prime contract to manage the relocation of Dixie Creek as part of the Move Illinois Tri-State Tollway (I-294)/I-57 Interchange Project.

The Move Illinois contract with the Tollway led CivCon Services to build staff capacity and hire new specialized employees, further enhancing the firm’s appeal to an even broader range of clients. In the last two years alone, the firm has jumped in size from 20 professionals to 40.

“We are happy to be a part of Move Illinois. It is opportunities like this that we dream of, where we can play a meaningful role and make a positive impact on the transportation system in our region.”

Jorge Moreno (center) and the staff of CivCon Services Inc.