Conin Contractors Services Inc.

Jose Luis Aguilar, President



ose Aguilar says participation in the Illinois Tollway's Construction Coaching for Growth (CC4G) Program has helped his landscaping design, installation and

maintenance firm achieve an increase in revenues well beyond his expectations.

In 2014, Conin's revenues skyrocketed to more than \$2 million from gross receipts of about \$70,000 in 2012, the company's first full year of operation. Much

of the growth is attributed to the company's increase in *Move Illinois* contracts, including work on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project.

Equipped with many years of hands-on experience as a landscaper, Aguilar says the CC4G Program helped him to learn about the financial and administrative components

of being a small business owner leading to success with Tollway contracts.

The six-month-long CC4G Program also offered Aguilar targeted training and direct, strategic one-on-one business counseling.

Thanks to *Move Illinois* and C4CG, Aguilar says he has transformed his small business from residential services into highway construction subcontracting.



"Thanks to the skills I learned in the

Construction Coaching for Growth Program,

I have been able to successfully increase

the capacity and capabilities of my company.

Conin's Move Illinois contracts have more than

tripled since I graduated from the program."

Jose Aguilar looks forward to continuing success on Move Illinois projects in 2015.