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The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future

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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS NEARLY $45 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR MOVE ILLINOIS

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DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved 9 new construction and construction management contracts totaling $44.6 million, including $41.6 million for work on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project. Approval of the December contracts marks completion of the first full year of the Tollway's 15-year, $12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

"This year, we broke ground on two major interchanges and laid the groundwork to invest nearly $922 million in capital improvements in 2013," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur. "More importantly, the contracts awarded in the first year of the *Move Illinois* Program are putting people back to work and keeping businesses from closing their doors."

More than $628 million in construction and engineering contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board in 2012. In all, the Tollway awarded 79 contracts to 66 unique construction and engineering firms in 2012. These firms worked on projects including the Tri-State Tollway (I-294)/I-57 Interchange Project, Illinois Route 47 Interchange Project on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project, as well as the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project. In addition, the 2012 capital program has created or sustained an estimated 3,180 jobs through November 2012.

"Two years ago, Governor Quinn asked us to explore new opportunities to stimulate economic growth while constructing significant transportation projects," said Tollway Board of Directors Chair Paula Wolff. "Since then, the Tollway Board has been committed to increasing opportunities for businesses both large and small, and we are pleased to see the impact of *Move Illinois* on people and businesses throughout the region."

The December contract awards include two prime contractors and 20 subcontractors who are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprises with participation commitments ranging from more than 15 percent to more than 98 percent per contract. Of the $44.6 million in awarded contracts, $19.5 million, or more than 43 percent, is committed to these firms.

Contracts awarded today include:

- $22.4 million for construction management services for the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project from Illinois Route 25 to I-39:
    - A $13.7 million contract to Harry O. Hefter Associates Inc./AES Services Inc. Joint Venture for the section between Illinois Route 47 and Anthony Road.
    - An $8.7 million contract to Globetrotters Engineering Corporation for the section between Anthony Road and Genoa Road.
- $19.2 million for I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project contracts:
    - An $8.7 million contract to Lorig Construction Co. to rebuild and widen the eastbound Kishwaukee River Bridge.

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  - A $4.4 million contract to Lorig Construction Co. to rebuild and widen the Coon Creek Bridges.
  - A $3.3 million contract to Lorig Construction Co. to rebuild and widen the Mosquito Creek Bridges.
  - A $2.8 million contract to Aldridge Electric Inc. for advance lighting and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) installation between Mill Road and the Elgin Toll Plaza.
- A $2.7 million contract to Meade Electric Co. Inc. for underpass lighting replacement on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) at the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).
- $295,694 to Homer Tree Service Inc. for two tree removal contracts for the Tri-State Tollway (I-294)/I-57 Interchange Project.

Illinois Tollway professional services contracts are awarded through the qualifications-based selection process (Illinois Public Act 87-673 (30 ILCS 535/1-535/80) Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act), which requires state agencies to select professional architects, engineers and surveyors on the basis of demonstrated competence and professional qualifications, rather than low bid. Staff from the Department of Engineering checks statements of interest to ensure that specified pre-qualifications and documentation are met and then reviews and scores statements of interest based on the selection criteria outlined for each project.

Executives from the Department of Engineering then review the scoring, as well as each firm's capacity, and identify the top recommended firms per project. To complete the review, a committee of Tollway professionals and independent engineering officials considers the top recommended firms and finalizes the top three firms in ranked order. The Tollway then seeks to negotiate a final contract price with the top-ranked firm.

The Illinois Tollway provides detailed information about current Tollway construction contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com and also hosts live webcasts of all construction contract bid openings. Contractors and consultants can also access resources online to help them learn about how to do business with the Tollway, including construction and engineering letting and bidding schedules, professional service bulletins, manuals and construction bid calendars. These resources can be found in the "Doing Business" section of the Tollway's website.

About Move Illinois
The Illinois Tollway's $12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future,* will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create as many as 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region. *Move Illinois* will address the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O'Hare Western Access and fund planning studies for the Illinois Route 53/120 Extension and the Illiana Expressway.

About the Illinois Tollway
The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 286 miles of interstate tollways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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