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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$60 MILLION IN CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS FOR 2012 SEASON

DOWNERS GROVE, IL –The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved the award of five new construction contracts and three new construction management contracts worth nearly \$61 million to jumpstart the agency’s 2012 construction season.

“The Illinois Tollway has been busy gearing up for a productive 2012 season by reviewing bids and evaluating proposals from more than 200 construction, landscaping and engineering companies,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur. “The contracts awarded today will provide much-needed work for these firms and we look forward to seeing these roadway improvement projects begin this spring.”

Contracts awarded in January include \$55.4 million for construction and management for roadway and bridge improvements on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), \$3.5 million for construction management services for the Illinois Route 47 Interchange Project on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), and \$1.6 million in construction and management services for bridge rehabilitation and landscaping improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

The contract awards include 7 prime contractors and 28 subcontractors with minority- and women-owned firms and disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) participation commitments ranging from 17 percent to nearly 97 percent per contract. Of the \$60.5 million in awarded contracts, \$15 million or 25 percent is committed to these firms.

Contracts awarded today include:

- Five 2012 construction contracts for roadway and bridge rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), as well as systemwide landscaping improvements.
 - \$561,821 award to Herlihy Mid Continent Company for bridge rehabilitation on I-294/I-80 between Illinois Route 394 and 167th Street and at Atkinson Road.
 - \$23.6 million award to William Charles Construction/Curran Contracting Company Inc. for roadway and bridge rehabilitation on I-88 between Illinois Route 251 and Annie Glidden Road.
 - \$30.7 million award to William Charles Construction/Curran Contracting Company Inc. for roadway and bridge rehabilitation on I-88 between Annie Glidden Road and Illinois Route 56.
 - \$432,071 award to Allied Landscaping Corporation for landscaping and improvements on I-94/I-294 between Roosevelt Road and Sanders Road and between Lake Cook Road and the Wisconsin state line.
 - \$347,325 award to Copenhaver Construction Inc. for landscaping and improvements on I-294 between Cicero Avenue and the Cermak Toll Plaza. Additional work is planned on I-88 between Locust Road and Highland Avenue.
- Three 2012 construction management contracts for interchange construction, bridge rehabilitation and roadway reconstruction and widening on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Tri-State Tollway (I-294/I-80) and the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).

- \$3.5 million award to Omega & Associates Inc. for construction management for the Illinois Route 47 Interchange Project on I-90.
- \$244,717 award to IE Consultants Inc. for construction management for bridge rehabilitation work from Illinois Route 394 to 167th Street on I-294/I-80.
- \$1.1 million award to ESI Consultants Ltd. for construction management for roadway reconstruction and widening between Illinois Route 56 and Deerpath Road on I-88.

Those interested in learning more about current Tollway construction contracts should visit the Construction Contract Tracker on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com. Contractor and consultant resources, including letting and bidding schedules, professional service bulletins, manuals and construction bid calendars can be found in the "Doing Business" section of the 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 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 West Bypass and fund planning studies for the Illinois Route 53 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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