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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS NEARLY $100 MILLION IN CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING CONTRACTS

First contract awarded to build new ramp for Tri-State Tollway (I-294)/I-57 Interchange

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved three new construction contracts totaling $60.5 million and eight new engineering contracts totaling $38.7 million for construction management and design services. More than $223.6 million in construction and engineering contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board so far in 2013.

"The I-294/I-57 Interchange Project is moving full-speed ahead and we are excited to be able to break ground this year on the new ramp connecting Chicago to Champaign," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur. "In all, the $719 million project is expected to create or sustain as many as 4,000 jobs during construction and create 2,000 permanent jobs."

The I-294/I-57 Interchange Project contract awarded today will build the flyover ramp connecting northbound I-57 to northbound I-294. Other construction awards include the sixth contract for 2013 pavement work on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project, as well as a contract to upgrade the Tollway's roadway camera system.

The 11 contracts include seven prime consultants and 32 subconsultants or subcontractors who are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprises with participation commitments ranging from more than 13.8 percent to 100 percent per contract. Of the $99.1 million in awarded contracts, nearly $30 million or 30 percent is committed to these firms.

Contracts awarded today include:

- $60.5 million for three construction contracts:
  - A $29.5 million contract with Lorig Construction Co. for roadway widening and ramp construction for the I-294/I-57 Interchange Project.
  - A $28.7 million contract with William Charles Construction Co. LLC and Rock Road Companies Inc. Joint Venture for eastbound rebuilding and widening on I-90 between Mill Road and Genoa Road.
  - A $2.3 million contract with G4S Technology LLC for roadway camera system and Traffic and Incident Management System Center upgrades.

- $28.7 million for six construction and pavement management services contracts:
  - A $13 million contract with Applied Research Associates Inc. for pavement management services.
  - A $7.5 million contract with Bowman, Barrett & Associates Inc. for construction management services upon request.
  - A $2.7 million contract with System Development Integration LLC for integration, oversight and technical support related to the construction and maintenance of intelligent transportation system equipment.

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- A $2.5 million contract with J.A. Watts Inc. for construction management services upon request.
- A $2 million contract with Cotter Consulting Inc., CivCon Services Inc. and SE3 LLC Joint Venture for construction management services on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) for roadway resurfacing work, signing and pavement striping.
- A $1 million contract with Gilbane Building Co. for construction practices review and audit services.

- $10 million for two design services contracts:
  - A $7.5 million contract with Primera Engineers Ltd. and EJM Engineering Inc. Joint Venture for design services upon request.
  - A $2.5 million contract with Techknow Engineering and Hanson Professional Services Inc. Joint Venture for design services upon request.

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.

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.

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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