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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$49.1 MILLION IN DECEMBER
FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACTS**
More than \$758 million invested in 2021 to support the 10th year of the Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved six construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling \$49.1 million at its December Board meeting, wrapping up investments in 2021 as part of the *Move Illinois* capital program. In all, 62 construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling more than \$758 million have been approved by the Tollway Board in 2021.

“The December Board action brings an end to a very successful year for our *Move Illinois* Program,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “Working together with our construction industry partners, we have successfully navigated ongoing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic to continue delivering our capital program on schedule and within budget, and we have continued to engage a growing number of small and diverse businesses.”

In 2021, 81 percent of the contracts awarded for Move Illinois Program projects were unbundled or Small Business Initiative contracts that provided opportunities for small, diverse and veteran-owned firms to take on roles as prime contractors and consultants. This included 37 construction contracts and 13 professional engineering services contract awards.

The Illinois Tollway’s Small Business Initiative puts small businesses earning gross revenues of \$14 million or less annually in a position to succeed and grow by identifying select contracts, generally with values of approximately \$5 million or less, specifically for small businesses to perform as primes. As of 2021, 165 unique firms are enrolled to participate in the Small Business Initiative.

The December contract awards mark the final Board action for the 10th year of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* capital program. Overall, more than \$9.4 billion has been invested by the Tollway since the Program began in 2012, with more than \$2.4 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 104,130 total jobs as of November 2021.

December construction contract awards include:

- A \$37.8 million contract to Judlau Contracting Inc., Lisle, IL, for railroad retaining wall construction for the new I-490 Tollway between the Bensenville Railroad Yard and Irving Park Road.
- A \$4.1 million contract to Martam Construction Inc., Elgin, IL, for roadway reconstruction and bridge rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at the Ogden Avenue Interchange.
- A \$2.9 million contract to Aldridge Electric Inc., Libertyville, IL, for overhead sign structure and dynamic message sign improvements systemwide.
- A \$1.8 million contract to Foundation Mechanics, Chicago, IL, for installation of ramp queue detection warning systems systemwide.

- A \$232,153 contract to Martinez Frogs Inc., Melrose Park, IL, for concrete pipe management for the new I-490 Tollway.

December professional engineering services contract awards include:

- A \$2.3 million contract to the team of Ciorba Group Inc., Chicago, IL, and Peralte-Clark, Arlington Heights, IL, for design services for reconstruction of portions of York Road and Supreme Drive as part of the I-490 Tollway Project.

The contracts approved today include three prime contractors and consultants and 19 subcontractors and subconsultants that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and 7 subcontractors and subconsultants that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 25.26 percent to 43 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 1.64 percent to 5 percent per contract.

Illinois Tollway professional engineering services contracts are selected in accordance with 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 based on demonstrated competence and professional qualifications. Construction contracts for Illinois Tollway projects are competitively bid under the rules of the Illinois Procurement Code. All contracts are presented to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors for review and approval.

The Illinois Tollway broadcasts all public meetings on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com. This includes all board meetings and public bid openings. Also provided is detailed information about current Tollway construction and professional engineering services contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker. Contractors and consultants can access resources online to help them learn about how to do business with the Tollway, including construction bid-letting 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 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 10 years of *Move Illinois* are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the new I-490 Tollway Project and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

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 294 miles of roadways 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), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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