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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$24.7 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN APRIL

Nearly \$9.6 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL –The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved eight construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling nearly \$24.7 million at its April Board meeting.

More than \$164.3 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2022, as part of the 11th year of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* capital program. To date, nearly \$9.6 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$2.5 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 107,590 total jobs as of March.

"Much of the work the Tollway is accomplishing through *our Move Illinois* capital program is keeping the existing Tollway system's roads bridges and facilities in good repair," said Interim Executive Director Lanyea Griffin. "These small contracts approved today, coupled with larger contracts needed to deliver the new I-490 Tollway and rebuild the Central Tri-State Tollway, are allowing the Tollway to engage firms of all types and sizes and further support our region's economy."

The contracts approved in April include two contractors and consultants and 10 subcontractors and subconsultants that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and eight subcontractors and subconsultant that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 7.94 to 40.28 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.10 percent to 5 percent per contract.

April construction contracts awarded include:

- An \$8.2 million contract to Powerlink Electric, Vernon Hills, IL, for electrical and IT contracting services for Tollway traffic operations and dispatch center construction.
- A \$4 million contract to Lorig Construction Co., Des Plaines, IL, for noise abatement wall fabrication and replacement at the Cermak Toll Plaza on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$1.5 million contract to Craft Mechanical, Chicago, IL, for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) contracting services for Tollway traffic operations and dispatch center construction.
- A \$1.3 million contract to Foundation Mechanics, Des Plaines, IL, for watermain cathodic protection installation along the Jane Addams Tollway (I-90) between Illinois Route 59 and Illinois Route 83.
- An \$868,640 contract to Foundation Mechanics, Des Plaines, IL, for bridge rehabilitation on I-294 at the I-55 ramp bridge over Sewage Disposal Road.
- A \$757,813 contract to Schwartz Excavating, Countryside, IL, for grading and drainage improvements along I-294 between 167th Street and 159th Street.

April professional services contract awarded includes:

- A \$5 million contract to exp U.S. Services, Chicago, IL, for design service upon request along the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$3.1 million contract to STV Incorporated, Chicago, IL for construction management services for the construction of a railroad bridge at Grand Avenue for the new I-490 Tollway.

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 also 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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