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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$223 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN JUNE

More than \$9.8 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL –The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved seven construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling more than \$223 million at its June Board meeting. The contracts approved also support eight new Partnering For Growth agreements, including a reverse mentorship partnership.

Nearly \$419 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, more than \$9.8 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 109,930 total jobs as of May.

"Our *Move Illinois* capital program is helping to build and strengthen companies along with our region's transportation infrastructure," said Interim Executive Director Lanyea Griffin. "The Tollway is committed to assisting new and growing businesses to get a foothold in the industry and we appreciate the support from firms willing to mentor each other through Partnering for Growth."

The Illinois Tollway's Partnering for Growth Program for Construction and Professional Services encourages primes and subs to assist disadvantaged, minority and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and veteran-owned small businesses (VOSBs) in remaining self-sufficient, competitive and profitable.

Nearly 215 mentoring agreements have been put in place since the program started. While the majority of agreements include prime firms mentoring subs, in some cases reverse Partnering for Growth agreements have subs stepping up to assist the prime firms. In 2022, the Tollway has put in place 12 agreements, not including the eight new agreements connected to the professional engineering services contracts approved in June.

The contracts approved in June include four contractors and consultants and 30 subcontractors and subconsultants that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and 11 subcontractors and subconsultant that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 20.09 to 53 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 0.52 to 5 percent per contract.

June construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$145.4 million contract to Lorig Construction Co., Des Plaines, IL, for roadway and bridge construction for the new I-490 Tollway between Franklin Avenue and Irving Park Road (Illinois Route 19).
- A \$21.1 million contract to Judlau Contracting Inc., Lisle, IL, for construction of the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge over Grand Avenue on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

- A \$2.1 million contract to Rausch Infrastructure, Des Plaines, IL for noisewall repair on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) between 83rd Street and Army Trail Road.
- A \$494,907 contact to Natural Creations Landscaping, Joliet, IL, for landscape improvements on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) Bridge.

June professional engineering services contract awarded includes:

- A \$25 million contract to the team of Gannett Fleming, Gonzalez Companies, and Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Chicago, IL, for construction management services for roadway reconstruction and widening as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project between the Hinsdale Oasis and Ogden Avenue.
- A \$15.9 million contract to the team of Bowman Consulting Group, Lisle, IL; OSEH, Wheaton, IL; and Alfred Benesch Company, Naperville, IL, for construction management services for roadway reconstruction and widening as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project between Ogden Avenue and Cermak Road.
- A \$13 million contract to the team of AECOM Technical Services, Chicago, IL, and SE3, Lisle, IL, for construction management services as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project between Flagg Creek and the Hinsdale Oasis.

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 reconstructing 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.