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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$95.4 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN OCTOBER

More than \$10.5 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 \$95.4 million at its October Board meeting.

Nearly \$1.1 billion 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 \$10.5 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$2.7 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 114,660 total jobs as of September.

“Approval of these items today ensures that contracts are in place to continue work into the next construction season on the Tollway's projects to maintain and improve existing roadways and bridges and deliver new infrastructure,” said Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “These contracts allow the Tollway continue to support a variety of businesses and provide jobs for the region's construction and engineering industry.”

The contracts approved in October include three contractors and consultants and 20 subcontractors and subconsultants that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and one consultant and seven subcontractors and subconsultant that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 23.42 to 53.38 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 0.98 to 74 percent per contract.

October construction contracts awards include:

- An \$81.2 million contract to Judlau Contracting, College Point, NY, for roadway reconstruction and widening between Flagg Creek and the Hinsdale Oasis as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.
- A \$4 million contract to Foundation Mechanics, Chicago, IL, for earthwork and drainage improvements at Taft Avenue as part of the I-490 Tollway Project.
- A \$2.5 million contract to Plote Construction, Hoffman Estates, IL, for improvements at the I-55 Ramp Toll Plaza as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.
- A \$958,903 contract to Sheridan Plumbing & Sewer, Bedford Park, IL, for watermain and sanitary sewer installation at the new Hoffman Estates (M-5) maintenance facility on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).

October professional engineering services contract awards include:

- A \$4.4 million contract to RS&H Inc./Kaskaskia Engineering Group, St. Charles, IL, for design services for the I-490 Tollway Project.
- A \$1.9 million contract to Civiltech Engineering, Itasca, IL, design services for reconstruction of the York Road Bridge on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).
- A \$482,353 contract to Orion Engineers, Chicago, IL for systemwide underwater inspection and scour analysis of bridge structures.

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 152,000 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.

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