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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$14.4 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN JULY

July contracts awarded to small businesses, including first-time primes

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved four construction and professional engineering contracts totaling more than \$14.4 million at its July Board meeting, with two firms selected serving as prime contractors and consultants on Tollway contracts for the first time.

“We are pleased to see all of the contracts awarded today going to firms that are stepping up to be primes on Illinois Tollway contracts,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “This measure of success is attributable to the Tollway’s commitment to providing business assistance and training resources, as well as creating small contract opportunities to help firms to advance and achieve their next level of success.”

More than \$120.3 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2023, as part of the 12th year of the Tollway’s *Move Illinois* capital program. This has included four contracts to first-time primes through June.

July construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$5.4 million contract to Electric Conduit Construction Co., Elburn, IL, for closed circuit television (CCTV) camera installation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294).

July professional engineering services contracts awarded include:

- A \$4 million contract to d'Escoto Inc., Chicago, IL, for design services upon request on the I-490 Tollway Project.
- A \$3 million contract to Bravo Company Engineering Inc., Montgomery, IL, systemwide facilities construction management upon request.
- A \$2 million contract to SW Consulting & Engineering Services dba SWE Solutions, Naperville, IL, for systemwide construction management services upon request.

The July contracts approved today include 11 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as five certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 26.37 percent to 65 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 3.58 percent to 50 percent per contract.

To date, nearly \$10.7 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$2.8 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 122,680 total jobs as of June.

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 11 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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