



Move Illinois:  
*The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY SEEKS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FIRMS  
FOR UPCOMING WORK ON MOVE ILLINOIS PROJECTS**

*Ten contracts worth an estimated \$45 million include design and construction management services*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** - The Illinois Tollway today announced that it is seeking firms to provide design and construction management services for 10 new contracts as part of the fifth year of the 15-year, \$12 billion capital program *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

The contracts will provide for an estimated \$45 million in professional engineering services related to the Tollway's *Move Illinois* Program.

"The Illinois Tollway is committed to creating opportunities for firms of all types and sizes to participate in the *Move Illinois* Program," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov. "More than 120 professional engineering service contracts have been awarded since the capital program launched in 2012, and the new contracts advertised today will provide ongoing work and jobs for the construction industry."

Contracts being advertised today include:

- A construction management contract for work upon request on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project and systemwide improvements including bridge rehabilitation or reconstruction, retaining wall repairs, right-of-way fence installation and landscaping.
- Two construction management contracts for work upon request systemwide including bridge and pavement repairs.
- A construction management contract for work upon request for maintenance facilities improvements.
- A construction management contract for work upon request for facilities improvements, signing and pavement markings.
- Two design contracts for roadway and bridge rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).
- Two design contracts for roadway and bridge rehabilitation on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355).
- A contract for environmental studies upon request.

Firms interested in submitting a proposal can visit the "Doing Business" section on the Tollway's website [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) for more information. Submissions are due February 9, 2016, with contracts expected to be awarded by the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors in May. Work is expected to begin this year.

Illinois Tollway professional engineering service contracts are awarded through the qualifications-based selection (QBS) 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 on the basis of demonstrated competence and professional qualifications. Staff from the Department of Engineering checks statements of interest to ensure that specified pre-qualifications and documentation are met and then reviews and scores statements of interest based on the selection criteria outlined for each project. Executives from the Department of Engineering then review the scoring, as well as each firm's capacity, and identify the top recommended firms per project. To complete the review, a committee of Tollway professionals and independent engineering officials considers the top recommended firms and finalizes the top three firms in ranked order. The Tollway then seeks to negotiate a final contract price with the top-ranked firm.

**About Move Illinois**

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create as many as 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region. *Move Illinois* will address the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art, 21<sup>st</sup> century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O'Hare Western Access and fund planning studies for other emerging projects.

**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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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