



Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future

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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$3.8 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN APRIL

Nearly \$4.3 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved three new construction contracts totaling \$3.8 million at its April meeting. Nearly \$132.9 million in construction and professional engineering service contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board so far in 2016, as part of the fifth year of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

To date, nearly \$4.3 billion in construction and professional engineering service contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, including \$989.6 million committed to small, veteran-owned or disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 39,780 total jobs as of March 2016.

The April contracts include two subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 21 to 25 percent per contract. Of the \$3.8 million in awarded contracts, nearly one million, or 23 percent, is committed to disadvantaged firms.

Contracts awarded today include:

- A \$2.5 million contract to John Burns Construction Co., Orland Park, IL, for salt dome repairs and construction at Tollway maintenance facilities systemwide.
- A \$1.3 million contract to Lorig Construction Co., Des Plaines, IL, for repair and maintenance on nine bridges on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and four bridges on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355).

Construction contracts for Illinois Tollway projects are competitively bid under the rules of the Illinois Procurement Code. As part of the process, contractors’ bid submissions for construction work advertised by the Tollway are opened and read aloud during public bid opening meetings, which are also broadcast live on the Tollway’s website. Following an agency review process, the lowest, responsible and responsive bid is presented to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors for review and approval.

The Illinois Tollway provides detailed information about current Tollway construction contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker on the Tollway’s website at www.illinoistollway.com. 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, \$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 21st 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 Project and fund planning studies for 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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