



Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future

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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY TO HOST JUNE 28 FREE
VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION NETWORKING EVENT IN ROCKFORD**

*Upcoming opportunity for firms to bid on work to reconstruct
the maintenance site as a new LEED-certified building*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway will host a free Construction Networking Event on Tuesday, June 28, in Rockford. The event will provide an opportunity for firms of all sizes and types, including disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and veteran-owned businesses, to learn how to participate in an upcoming vertical construction project to rebuild the Rockford (M-7) maintenance site.

The Rockford maintenance site adjacent to the State Street (Business U.S. Route 20) Interchange on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) was originally built in the 1950s. The new facility is designed to optimize its efficiency to meet expanded system needs, as well as meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for sustainable design and construction. Bid opening for Rockford maintenance site reconstruction contract is scheduled for July 26.

“The Illinois Tollway is committed to reaching out to new firms to promote work with the Tollway, including helping small, minority- and veteran-owned firms connect with the prime contractors we do business with,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov. “In addition, contractors may not typically think of the Tollway when looking for vertical construction contract opportunities, so we believe industry outreach is critical to the success of this project.”

The networking event will be held at the Rock Valley College Student Center, 3301 N. Mulford Road, from 10 a.m. to noon. It will provide firms involved in vertical construction and related fields the opportunity to learn about the upcoming construction project’s details and goals for D/M/WBE firm and veteran-owned firm participation, as well as technical assistance initiatives available to contractors.

Speakers from the Illinois Tollway will include Tollway Board Director Earl Dotson Jr., Executive Director Greg Bedalov, Chief Engineer Paul Kovacs and Diversity and Strategic Development Chief Gustavo Giraldo.

“The Illinois Tollway is playing a vital role in economic development and job creation throughout Northern Illinois by offering significant opportunities for a diverse range of firms to grow, thrive and make greater contributions to their local communities,” said Tollway Board Director Earl Dotson, Jr. “In addition this project offers contractors the opportunity to help us improve one of the main gateways to Rockford through the construction of a new sustainable and cost-efficient facility.”

The Tollway completed construction of the agency’s first LEED-certified building at the Alsip (M-1) maintenance facility in 2015, which now serves as the Tollway’s prototype for large facility construction. The Rockford maintenance facility will include the same design features and construction requirements to serve as a prototype for smaller facilities on the Tollway system.

Scheduled for completion in 2018, the project will include construction of a new 62,705-square-foot, single-story building that will serve as a fleet hub, maintenance garage and Illinois State Police office, along with site paving and landscaping work. The project will also include removal of underground fuel storage tanks and construction of a new fuel island, as well as construction of a new information technology equipment shelter.

LEED construction requires reuse and recycling of at least 75 percent of construction waste on site and use of recycle content and regional materials in the new facility. In addition, LEED design features will incorporate energy-efficient lighting, photovoltaic panels to feed power back into the grid and electric vehicle charging stations. The use of in-floor hydronic radiant heat and overhead natural gas radiant heat will be included to further reduce energy costs, along with water efficiencies through installation of low-flow fixtures and landscaping requiring little or no irrigation.

The construction networking event will provide an opportunity for subcontractors to network with prime contractors including Broadway Electric Inc., F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, Judlau Contracting Inc., KR Miller Contractors Inc., Pacific Construction Services Inc., Ragnar Benson Construction, Stenstrom Petroleum Services Group, Ujamaa Construction Inc. and William Charles Construction Co.

In addition, contractors and subcontractors will have access to information about the Illinois Tollway Technical Assistance Program designed to provide free training and assistance to D/M/WBE firms, small and veteran-owned businesses. Representatives from the Construction Business Development Center, Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce and the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association will attend to provide information and answer questions.

For more information and event registration, please visit the Doing Business - Diversity Programs section on the Illinois Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com. Pre-registration closes at noon on June 27, but onsite registration will be available beginning at 9:30 a.m. on June 28.

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 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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